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PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING, 1950

The Annual General Meeting of the Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal was held on MONDAY, THE 6TH FEBRUARY, 1950, at 4 P. M.

PRESENT :

His Excellency Dr. Kailas Nath Katju, M. A., LL. D., Governor of West Bengal, Patron.

The Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, M. A., B. L., President. (in the Chair).

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Sen, Mrs. N.
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Singh, Mr. H.
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The President declared the Annual Meeting open and said :—

Ladies and Gentlemen

Voting for the election of the new Council for 1950 and the election of Ordinary Fellows, will begin at 4 p.m. and members may kindly record their votes. Voting will be closed at 5-30 p. m. Before members register their votes their qualifications to vote will be verified. Votes will then be registered in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 44 (b). Dr. K. P. Biswas and Dr. J. L. Bhaduri will be in charge of all arrangements in connection with the election.

Voting concluded at 5-30 p. m.

At 5-35 the President appointed two scrutineers, viz : Mr. Nirmal Kumar Sen and Mr. Mayataru Halder to examine the votes recorded in accordance with Rule 44 (a).

The President accompanied by the General Secretary and the Treasurer left the meeting room to receive the Patron, His Excellency Dr. K. N. Katju, Governor of West Bengal, at the main door of the building on the ground floor.

Before vacating the chair the President appointed Dr. K. N. Bagchi, M. B., D. T. M., F. R. I. C., F. N. I., to occupy it during his absence. The retiring Council assembled at the head of the staircase (western side) to receive His Excellency and to be presented to him. On the arrival of the Patron, the President introduced the Members of the Council to him and then invited him to occupy the chair.

The Patron occupied the chair and called upon the General Secretary to present the Annual Report for 1949.

The General Secretary presented the Annual Report.

After the presentation of the Annual Report by the General Secretary, Dr. R. C. Majumdar enquired whether there will be any discussion on the Annual Report.

In reply to Dr. Majumdar's query the President said that it was not usual to discuss the Report at the Annual General Meeting but an opportunity would be given for a discussion of the same at a subsequent Monthly Meeting of the Society.

The Patron, then called upon the President to read his Annual Address. The President then read his Address.

The Patron, His Excellency Dr. K. N. Katju, then addressed the meeting.

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THE PRESIDENT SAID :

"I have now to perform a very pleasant duty and to ask your Excellency to unveil the portrait of Vedacharya Satyabrata Sāmaśramī.

"Satyabrata was born in 1846 and proved himself to be prodigy. To imbibe in him a spirit of the Vedas his father gave up his official position and went with the family to Banaras to bring up the young boy in a proper atmosphere and environment. Within a very short time he was a master of the Pāninī and was initiated in the mysteries of the Vedas as well as in ancient philosophy and astronomy. Completing his student life he started on a tour on foot over the entire Aryāvarta, the Gangetic Plain and the foot of the Himālayas. He had already got round him a number of disciples and visited with them all the scenes and places of ancient Hindu cult and culture and the holy places. At different centres he met in intellectual controversy the accepted leaders of thought and made such an impression that he was given the highest honours. He had a memorable encounter with Swami Dayānanda and the report unmistakably shows his grasp of and the depth and the width of his Vedic erudition. When only 22 he brought out a portion of the Sāma-Veda-Saṁhitā with Bengali renderings and his own commentaries. Dr. Rajendra Lala Mitter spotted him out and placed him in charge of this Society for researches in Vedic literature. Since then he was intimately connected with this Society as an editor of the Sāma-Veda-Saṁhitā, Taittirīya-Saṁhitā, Aitareya-Brāhmana, Śatapatha-Brāhmana and Yāska's Nirukta. So prolific was his pen that this Society was not able to publish all his works. He put up a Press of his own only for his own work. His works on Vedic literature were hailed with delight by scholars in and outside India in recognition of his scholarship and erudition. He was one of the earliest Indian Honorary Fellow of this Society and continued to be intimately associated until 1911 when he passed away. When Sir Asutosh Mookerjee conceived the ideal of the foundation of the teaching University of Calcutta Satyabrata Śāmaśramī was one of the first band of teachers collected by him to instruct and guide students and scholars in Vedic lore.

"To Satyabrata Śāmaśramī vedic scholars owe a deep debt which can never be repaid. His is the name which Bengal will always remember as having obliterated the stigma of not producing in recent time a Vedic scholar. He typified in himself what Halayudha had laid down many centuries ago in Bengal as being the ideals of a Vedic scholar. Halayudha had deprecated the system of requiring students merely to commit to memory the Vedic Hymns and Sūtras without a serious attempt to analyse and understand the meaning thereof. Satyabrata Sāmaśramī was not only well versed in the mysteries of the Vedic lore but he developed a trait of the Vedic reciter and could recite the same in the old Vedic style.

"Nearly 40 years after his death it has now been found possible to do honour to his memory. May his ideal encourage others to follow his footsteps and to carry on the work which he had left unfinished."

In unveiling the portrait of the late Ācārya Satyavrata Sāmaśramī His Excellency observed as follows :—

"It has been a real privilege to have unveiled this portrait and the very sight of it, I respectfully say, reminds us of the learned Brāhmin

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whom in our society we were tought to venerate. I said elsewhere the other day that looking at it on a functional basis everyone was a brahmin who took to the role of teaching. While a brahmin was wedded to poverty he was also entitled to the unstinted reverence and respect of the entire community, and Satyabrata Sāmaśramī is just that type of the ancient brahmin. He does not look being ever fond of material possessions. He refused worldly happiness in the spread of knowledge, and as Mr. Justice Mookerjee has just now told us, respect he got in abundance. It was Sir Asutosh Mookerjee, a past President of our Society, who searched the whole of India to discover him, and I am sure that Sāmaśramī served this Society and the people of Bengal very well indeed. It is a matter of sincere congratulation that just when we have started our career as a Republic this Society should have done him a great honour and that his portrait should adorn these walls."

After the Patron's address and the unveiling ceremony, the President, (The Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee) made the following announcements :

The President said :

"My first announcement is regarding the election of the Ordinary Fellows. Three names have been proposed, Dr. Batakrishna Ghose, Dr. Jitendra Nath Banerjea and Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi. The result of the voting on the report of the scrutineers shows that out of 70 members who took part in the election 68 voted for Dr. Ghose, 69 for Dr. Banerjea and 67 for Dr. Siddiqi.

"I have next to announce concerning the award of the *Peace and Culture Medal* for fostering the Peace and Unity of the World.

"Arrangements for awarding a Medal called the *Peace and Culture Medal* were made in the first instance at the suggestion of His Excellency Sri Rajagopalachari, our Patron, and the first medal for the year 1948 was awarded posthumously to Mahatma Gandhi who rendered the greatest service to humanity by fostering the Peace and Unity of the World. The second year's medal, *i. e.*, for the year 1949, is awarded to Sri Aurobindo who made valuable contributions for the progress of the Asiatic people and outstanding publications in the literature and philosophy of the East. I will arrange to have the medal taken to Pondichery and delivered to him there.

"My next announcement is regarding the *Elliot Prize*. This much-coveted prize for the year 1949 goes to Dr. R. N. Chakravartty for his meritorious and original contributions in Chemistry. It is regretted that he is not present to receive the prize personally."

The President requested the Patron to hand over the cheque to the General Secretary, Dr. Nihar-ranjan Ray, to forward it to Dr. Chakravartty with the Society's hearty congratulations.

The President said :

"My next announcement is regarding the *P. N. Bose Memorial Medal*. This medal for the year for conspicuously important contributions to the study of Geology with special reference to Asia, is awarded to Dr. W. D. West who needs no introduction to you all. His connection with this Society started many years ago and he served the Society in

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different capacities as an office-bearer for a long time. He was also the President for some time. It is a pity that some urgent official duty prevented him from being present to-day to take the medal personally."

The President requested the Patron to hand over the medal to Mr. Sondhi of the Geological Survey of India, who would receive it on behalf of the recipient. The Patron then handed over the medal to Mr. Sondhi and requested him to forward it to Dr. West with his and the Society's hearty congratulations.

The President said :

"My next announcement is regarding the *Dr. B. C. Law Gold Medal.* The chosen recipient for the medal for important contributions to the ancient History of India is Dr. U. N. Ghosal. His books on *Agrarian System in Ancient India, Ancient Indian Political Theories, Indian Influence in Afghanistan* are well-known to scholars and research workers and I congratulate him heartily for winning this medal which is a recognition of his conspicuous researches."

The Patron then handed over the medal to Dr. Ghosal with his and the Society's hearty congratulations.

The President then said :

"My next announcement is regarding the *Barclay Memorial Medal.* This medal for the year 1949 is being awarded to Dr. K. V. Krishnan for his conspicuously outstanding contributions to Medical Science with special reference to India. He developed a new method for preparing hydrolysed proteins for intravenous administration and this work of his was much appreciated abroad and recently Prof. Robert Elman in his book on "*Parental Nutrition*" has given a glowing tribute to this pioneer worker in this new field. I congratulate Dr. Krishnan most heartily for winning the *Barclay Memorial Medal* and I am sure that in future he will win more fame by his very valuable researches".

The Patron then handed over the medal to Dr. Krishnan with his and the Society's hearty congratulations.

The President said :

"My next announcement is regarding the *Sarat Chandra Roy Medal.* This medal for the year 1949 is awarded to Dr. U. R. Ehrenfels of the Department of Anthropology of the Madras University for his valuable monograph on a new aspect of the Cultural Anthropology of India in the English language, *viz* : "*Mother-Right in India* (1941)" and numerous papers on ethnology published during the last few years. Other pressing public duties have prevented Dr. Ehrenfels from coming to-day to receive the medal in person."

The President requested the Patron to hand over the medal to the General Secretary, to forward it to Dr. Ehrenfels with the Society's hearty congratulations.

The President then said :

"My next announcement is regarding the *Sir Jadunath Sarkar Gold Medal.* This medal for the year 1949 is awarded to Dr. Hari Ram Gupta, Ph. D., D. Litt. for his conspicuously important contributions to the history of the Medieval period of India. His books on the *History of the Sikhs* and *Later Mughal History of the Panjab* reveal his thorough grasp of the history of that period and presentation of the

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same in a really praiseworthy manner. Dr. Gupta is not present to-day to accept the medal in person on account of his official duties."

The President requested the Patron to hand over the medal to the General Secretary, to forward it to Dr. Gupta with the Society's hearty congratulations.

The President then made the final announcement as follows :—

"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

Having received the report of the scrutineers, I now announce the result of the Council election. 70 votes were recorded in all and 69 members voted in favour of all the Council members proposed by the outgoing Council. There was only one dissentient. Under the rules therefore I have pleasure to declare the following members as set forth in the ballot-paper, duly elected as Members of the Council for 1950-51 :

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The Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, M. A., B. L.

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Dr. R. C. Majumdar, M.A., Ph.D., F.R.A.S.B.
Mr. K. P. Khaitan, M.A., B.L., Barrister-at-Law.

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Treasurer :—Dr. S. C. Law, M.A., B.L., Ph.D., F.N.I., F.Z.S., M.B.O.U.
Philological Secretary :—Dr. N. Dutt, M.A., B.L., Ph.D., D.LITT.
Jt. Phil. Secretary :—Dr. A. B. M. Habibullah, M.A., Ph.D., DIP.LIB.
Nat. Hist. Secretary (Physical Science) :—Dr. S. K. Mitra, M.B.E., D.SC., F.N.I.
Nat. Hist Secretary (Biology) :—Dr. J. L. Bhaduri, D.SC., F.N.I.
Anthoropological Secretary :—Rev. Dr. W. G. Griffiths, B.SC., B.D., M.A., Ph.D.
Historical & Archæological Scey. :—Dr. U. N. Ghosal, M.A., Ph.D., F.R.A.S.B.
Medical Secretary :—Dr. A. C. Ukil, M.B., M.S.P.E., F.S.M.F.B., F.N.I.
Library Secretary :—Dr. J. N. Banerjea, M.A., Ph.D., F.R.A.S.B.

Other Members of the Council.

Dr. K. P. Biswas, M.A., D.SC., F.R.S.E.
Mr. A. P. Benthall, F.L.A.
Prof. J. M. Sen, B.SC., M.Ed., T.D., DIP. Ed., F.R.G.S., F.N.I.
Dr. S. L. Hora, D.SC., F.Z.S., F.R.S.E., F.N.I., F.R.A.S.B.
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Having made this final announcement the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rama Prasad Mookerjee, President for 1950-51, said :—

"YOUR EXCELLENCY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN :

"I deem it a great favour that I have again been privileged to serve you for another year. I must acknowledge that the volume of work that could be done last year was largely due to the assistance and co-operation of the members of the Council and of the different Committees and the permanent staff. To them also, credit is due and not to me alone. The work which lies ahead is certainly much more onerous than what it was in the past. Only with your good wishes and co-operation it will be possible to make further improvements.

"Your Excellency has referred to certain aspects of work which ought to be undertaken by the Society. You will be glad to know that some of those particular items had already attracted the attention of scholars in the Society. About six years ago articles had appeared in our Journal dealing with the particular subjects to which our attention has been drawn by you. Since then the Society had been trying to impress upon the authorities, both Central and Provincial, the importance of saving those highly interesting objects of art so closely allied to the fresco painting at Ajāntā and Ellorā. It may also interest Your Excellency to know that about six or seven years ago schemes had gone out from the Society about the conservation of India's cultural treasures and for the preservation of objects of art throughout India. Such schemes were being drawn up and even when nobody could have then any idea of what was to happen on the 15th August, 1947 or on the 26th January, 1950, members of this Society had been for decades past alive to their responsibilities as the representatives of the intelligentsia of this country.

"With regard to another type of useful work which may be undertaken by scholars under the auspices of the Society, you have referred to the preparation of a new history of the people of this land. I have great pleasure to bring to your notice a very recent work by one of the members of this Society. The "*History of the Bengali People from the earliest times to the 13th Century*" embodies a mine of information about the development of the cultural heritage which we now claim to be ours. This work has been written in Bengali and is the work of our General Secretary, Dr. Nihar-ranjan Ray, an accredited authority on History and Fine Arts. It has got the highest encomiums from one of the greatest historians of India, Prof. Jadunath Sarkar. The high standard attained by scholars like Dr. Ray is befitting the ideals which have been put before us by your Excellency. The Society is beholden for the advice which has come from you.

"We are grateful to your Excellency for other pieces of advice which have been given about the utilisation of funds. You will, I have no doubt, be glad to hear that in framing the Budget this year we have proceeded on the line as now advised by you. The budget which has been presented this year is a deficit one on the revenue account and the purpose was to draw upon the balances accumulated during the war period. As you have been pleased to point out that in a Cultural Society like ours there is no necessity for maintaining a large capital reserve while the current work is languishing for paucity of funds. We

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may reasonably claim the unstinted support from the public Exchequer. Even if we fail to receive assistance from the State to the fullest extent we shall at least for this year draw upon our balances or temporary Reserves. We intend to follow the advice given by you this evening. This will be a source of encouragement to us in following the path we intend to tread in future Reserves. This will strengthen our hands in the path which we have been following so long. We must go forward and demonstrate what we can achieve with our own resources. Then only can we draw support from the outstanding public fund and the generous public. We can show only by our work the justice of the demand made by us. We are very much beholden to you our Patron for the very open and candid manner in which you have expressed yourself. We recall with pride and gratitude that in the past there had been successive generations of administrators and officials who forgot while within the walls of this Hall their official position. Problems have been approached from the cultural and academic standpoint untrammelled by State exigencies and Government red-tapism. We feel encouraged by the frank and candid expression of your views for the best interests of an intellectual and cultural advancement.

"On behalf of the Society I convey to Your Excellency our most cordial thanks not only for your august presence in this Annual gathering but also for the very sage counsel you have been pleased to give us."

With a vote of thanks to the Patron, the President for 1950-51 declared the Annual Meeting dissolved and asked the members to assemble around the table for an Ordinary Monthly Meeting for the transaction of certain routine business and invited the guests to inspect a collection of exhibits at the eastern end of the main hall.

The President then accompanied His Excellency to the Library where ancient Mss. and other valuable collections of the Society were inspected by him. His Excellency was thereafter shown round the exhibits and evinced great interest in all that he saw for the first time.

After this, the President for 1950-51 accompanied the Patron to the main door in the ground floor to see His Excellency depart. Dr. M. N. Saha acted as the Chairman of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting to conduct its business during the absence of the President who was with His Excellency up to the time of his departure.

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YOUR EXCELLENCY, FELLOW MEMBERS, LADIES, AND GENTLEMEN:

Another year has rapidly rolled away since we last met in this hall for our annual gathering and the duty again devolves on me to review in brief the story of our cultural activities. I do not intend on this occasion to place before you any elaborate review of the work of this Society. I shall notice a few only of the more prominent features of our present activities and shall venture to indicate some of the directions in which the Society requires help and encouragement.

I accord a cordial welcome to His Excellency for his first official presence at the Annual Meeting in his capacity as Patron. Public business of a pressing character had prevented him from taking part at the Annual Meeting last year. Our Rules are so inelastic that the dates of our meetings cannot be altered so as to suit the convenience even of our Patron. On the present occasion we all hope to listen to the eloquent words of His Excellency and benefit by his kindly advice and encouragement.

During the last twelve months we have lost from our ranks six ordinary members three of whom deserve special mention. Lt. Col. David Mckay had joined this Society, more than 30 years ago ; he was recognised as one of the leaders of the medical profession in this city and took an active and abiding interest in the work of this Society. In Captain Narendra Nath Dutt the country has lost a pioneer worker in Pharmaceutical industry. Sri J. C. Das was one of the recognised experts and authorities in matters financial.

We welcome Dr. Niranjan Prosad Chakravarty, M. A., Ph. D., the Director-General of Archæology in India as a Fellow of the Society. His researches in the domain of archæology and particularly his valuable contributions to Indian epigraphy and palæography will long be remembered by scholars.

I feel greatly honoured by being afforded the opportunity to announce the award of the Asiatic Society Medal for Peace and Culture to Sri Aurobindo. Two years ago our patron His Excellency Chakravarti Rajagopalachari had suggested that in view of the high and representative position occupied by this Society as a cultural institution a medal should be founded for award to a person who had rendered the greatest service for peace, unity and progress of the Asiatic people. It was decided to institute the medal and to award the same to one who was recognised to have contributed towards peace, well-being and culture or may have made valuable contribution for the unity and progress of the Asiatic people through original and outstanding researches in art, literature, philosophy, history, or the different branches of science. The first award was made last year, a posthumous one, to Mahatma Gandhi. Sri Aurobindo typifies in himself the culture and heritage of India and he is recognised as one of the profoundest thinkers of the mordern age and as one who in every act of his thinks not only for his own salvation but is striving to uplift

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mankind, join them together by a bond of fellowship and permeate them with the highest tradition and ideals. It is difficult, if not impossible, to name another person who has like him made outstanding contributions whether in supramentalism and in the highest forms of religious or philosophic ideas or in the domain of art, literature, philosophy, history or diverse branches of sciences.

The Pramatha Nath Bose Memorial Medal goes to Dr. W. D. West for his conspicuously important contributions in the study of Geology. We feel highly gratified to recognise that he has for a long time been intimately associated with this Society. Dr. Upendra Nath Ghosal receives the Bimala Churn Law Gold Medal for his interesting studies in the ancient History of India. His valuable works on Ancient Indian Political theories, Agrarian and Revenue Systems and India's influences in countries outside its borders have been recognised as highly authoritative. Dr. Hari Ram Gupta is the worthy recipient of the Jadu Nath Sarkar Gold Medal for his contributions to history. His researches have unravelled the forgotten corners of the fascinating history of the Sikhs and Sikhism. To Dr. K. V. Krishnan, now associated with the All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health, the coveted Barclay Medal is awarded this year for his conspicuous and highly useful contributions to medical science. His researches cover a wide range of subjects and the country gratefully acknowledges the debt it owes to him for the practical application of the results of his investigations for the alleviation of human misery and afflictions. Whether in the treatment of Kala-azar or Typhus amongst others his work has already achieved worldwide recognition. Dr. U. R. Ehrenfels of the Department of Anthropology in the University of Madras is awarded the Sarat Chandra Roy Medal for his researches in the field of anthropology and ethnology. He has opened up a new chapter in the study of cultural anthropology of India. Dr. R. N. Chakraburty carries way the Elliot prize for original researches on Alicyclic Compounds and on the chemistry of Strychnine and Brucine.

The report which has been placed on the table shows, and I am sure you will all be gratified to find, that the number of members has not gone down as had been anticipated at the close of the last year—the number stood highest since the foundation of the Society. I should however sound a note of warning that during the current year there will be a large depletion in our roll as an immediate consequence of the division of the country into two States and the departure from India of a large number of non-Indian members. If the acquisition of strength as had been evidenced during the last two years is well maintained, we may with confidence look ahead in the future as well.

The Journal and Annual publications which had fallen into arrears a few years ago have been brought up-to date and if the ordinary routine work is duly supervised there is no reason why we should not have in future those publications issued in due time.

I cannot omit to refer to three outstanding publications of the year. We had welcomed last year the issue of the Third Volume of the translation of the *Ā'in-i-Akbari*, revised under the guidance and supervision of Prof. Jadu Nath Sarkar. I have now great pleasure in announcing that the most important part of the *Ā'in-i-Akbari* viz: the Second

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Volume has just been brought out. After Blochmann had made ready the English rendering of the first Volume he died a premature death at the early age of 40, and the Society entrusted the remaining portion of the work to Lt. Col. Jarrett. The next two volumes were brought out as prepared by him. In course of the 60 years that elapsed since then our knowledge about India, whether of the Hindu Period or of the suceeding Muslim one, has been revolutionised. Sources and authorities, unknown in the early nineties have been fully availed of by Prof. Sarkar. The work of revision has been so thorough and of a far reaching character that it would not be an exaggeration to describe the present edition as being practically a new work. *Bhārata's Natyas'āstra* which has long been recognised as one of the most important books on dramaturgy in Sanskrit had never been made available in English in a complete form up till now. To the great Indologist Sylvain Levi went the credit of rendering a part thereof in French. To Dr. Manomohan Ghosh we owe a deep debt of gratitude for having undertaken the first English translation. The first part covering a major portion of the work is now available. All lovers of Indian culture and every student of fine arts will recognise the great assistance which is thus afforded to them by this recent publication of the Society. George N. Roerich is an accepted authority in subject artistic and in the lore of Trans-Himalayan culture. The historical literature of Tibet, the Blue Annals which include a description of the stages of the appearance of the sacred doctrine and preachers in the land of Tibet, has been known to modern science for over a century through quotations and extracts which appeared in authoritative books; but a complete text with notes and explanations had long been overdue. The first part has now been made available in our monograph series as an authoritative work on the subject.

Whilst on the topic of publications I cannot but refer to the fact that a number of books is lying ready for the press. Financial resources of the Society are limited and it is really unfortunate that the fruits of the labour of scholars cannot be made available to the public promptly. That the Society is hampered in this part of their activity on financial grounds was brought to the notice of the Hon'ble Education Minister Government of India, when he was with us last year. The Central Government has sanctioned a non-recurring grant of Rs. 10,000/- for this year under this head. We gratefully acknowledge this recognition from the Central Government and we only hope that inspite of financial stringency elsewhere it would be possible for the Government not only to continue this subvention next year but also to add to it. If necessary funds are made available we can immediately bring out valuable works which are ready for the Press; but we require about Rs. 50,000/- for the same.

I should bring to the notice of you all another outstanding publication which we brought out a year ago. Dr. Sisir Kumar Mitra's "Upper Atmosphere" has won recognition in different corners of the world and it is a matter of no mean satisfaction to us that the entire edition has been sold out within a very short time. We are obliged to Dr. Mitra for making it possible for the Society to bring out a revised edition. Steps have already been taken in this direction.

Last year I had made special reference to the steps taken for the

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reorganisation of our priceless library. We must not rest content by having merely verified our stock. Unfortunately we have not as yet a complete catalogue of our collections. We are no doubt handicapped for financial stringency. But within our limited resources we have already taken the preliminary steps in this matter. Even if we rest content for the time being in compiling a card catalogue only of the entire collection, that alone will cost us over Rs. 50,000/-, in addition to the pay of the staff which is now engaged in doing the spadework. There is no sense in merely taking pride that the collection of printed books and manuscripts in the custody of the Society is a unique one. We must offer the fullest opportunity for the utilisation of the same by scholars. Not to speak of outside scholars, even most of the members of the Society who frequent this hall are not cognisant of the wealth and treasure enshrined here. The facilities which we had offered year before last by allotting the entire first floor for the cultural activities and by arranging to keep the library open till late in the evening have, I am glad, been justifield by the result. The library is now better and more profitably utilised than it was in the past. The recent appointment of an erudite wholetime scholar Librarian in the person of Sri Sarasi Kumar Saraswati has been of immense assistance in this respect. The amount spent for new acquisitions had been very meagre during the last few years, more particularly from the beginning of the last war. Arrangements have been made to acquire not only such books as are now being published but also those which are worthy of acquisition but had not been purchased before. Unfortunately many of those have become out of print and not easily available now. We urgently require a non-recurring grant of at least Rs. 50,000/- so that such books may even now be obtained without any further delay. We have been fortunate enough during the last twelve months to acquire some original manuscripts and also a few copper-plates; many of those have come as presents from the owners. A few of these are very valuable.

To emphasise the importance of our library collections and to indicate the manner in which they may be utilised we have taken another step. Exhibitions are arranged every year in connection with the Annual Meeting and various interesting objects are collected not only from out of the possession of the Society but also from other institutions and individuals. This year we have limited the exhibition to one aspect of our assets and resources, just to give an indication of and to emphasise to the members the possibilities of our library. A brochure has been prepared indicating and introducing to the members a very few items of the many interesting objects which go to make up our Library. Some of the manuscripts which we possess are unique and to the regret of the cultural world some of these have never been published. It is a sad commentary on the method of work or the ideals of the authorities that we are compelled to be merely the guardian of a priceless wealth like the python of the mythologies. It is the bounden duty of the custodian of public funds to offer sufficient facilities for the early completion of the catalogues and for the publication of such unique manuscripts.

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While speaking about the library and particularly the manuscript section thereof we cannot overlook the urgent steps which have to be taken for the preservation of the same. For a library, like ours, it is essential that there should be a preservation department of its own. I acknowledge with gratitude that the Central Government has now made it possible to make a start. A non-recurring grant of Rs. 7,300/- has, on the intervention of the Hon'ble Education Minister, been made available. This we take to be merely a token grant as the total amount necessary is much higher and must be provided so that manuscripts or old books which have deteriorated or are deteriorating may yet be saved for the coming generations. The library is so large that the amount sanctioned for preservation is wholly inadequate. There can be no better and profitable manner of investment than to provide funds so that the invaluable assets are not irretrievably lost.

While we gratefully acknowldge the additional token grants received last year from the Central Government I cannot but refer to the attitude adopted by the Provincial Government. This Society had been granted certain specific annual grants by the Govt. of Bengal, sanctioned orginally near about three quarters of a century ago. In 1932 the then Provincial Government imposed what was then a temporary cut of 20% on the said grants; such grants were for the publication of oriental works, Sanskrit, Arabic, Persian, and to meet a portion of the cost for the preparation of the catalogues of Sanskrit manuscripts. It is a matter of regret that instead of increasing the amount, so fixed 70 or 80 years ago, the Government have thought it proper to insist on the cut to continue. It is well known that the expenses incurred either for the preparation of catalogues of manuscripts or for the publication thereof have now increased by two to three folds. Under the circumstances requests from the Society should have been treated with more sympathy. I appeal to your Excellency to consider whether it is in the fitness of things that the Government, on the plea of financial stringency, should continue to save this comparatively small amount by continuing the cut. By engaging two experts the cataloguing of Sanskrit manuscripts had been accelerated but the volumes made ready have not yet been published for want of funds. The total amount which had been saved by the Government under this head during the last few years comes upto about Rs. 12,000/-. Had we even that amount in hand we could have immediately published the volumes of which the manuscripts are ready. Cataloguing was begun about 40 years ago under the supervision of Mahāmahopādhyāya Haraprasad Śāstrī. Ours is an expensive collection and one of the finest in the whole world. Although we are no where near the end of our task, we were compelled to discharge one of the two cataloguers only because we are short of funds. The progress that had been made during the last few years was encouraging but unfortunately for a paltry sum the Society had no other course open than to reduce the cataloguing staff.

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The financial difficulties of Government are well recognised. It is however conceded that projects which are considered to be of national importance and particularly those which are deemed to be of a productive nature have been allowed to be carried on. The work in which the Society is engaged cannot but be recognised as of great national importance. This is not only for the conservation of national wealth but also for the dissemination of knowledge amongst others. Can there be any other better form of investment ? A national Government should immediately come forward to help this Institution in the discharge of its onerous duties; duties which can be undertaken and duly peoformed by this Society alone.

We are grateful to the Provincial Government for the maintenance of four Research Fellows. It has been our misfortune that the small monthly stipend allowed is not so attractive as to keep the Fellows engaged for a sufficiently long period. Those scholars who could be prevailed upon to continue had submitted the results of their researches. Is it of any value to appoint Research Fellows and to obtain from them reports and the results of their labour unless such works are promptly made available to the scholarly world ? Our duty does not end by merely supervising the work of the Fellows and to obtain from them the results thereof. It is a national loss to keep such works back. From one point of view the amount spent for the maintenance of the Fellowships will be a total loss if we do not take the fullest advantage and utilise the fruits of their labour.

Another problem with which the Society is faced is about the building, now about 150 years old, which was condemned many years ago. The present structure is not only a very old one but it is too small for the various needs and cultural activities of the Society. Proposals which had been made in the past were on the basis that the present building would be demolished and it would be replaced by a thoroughly modern structure. Various proposals had been made in the past in one form or other, but none could be carried into effect principally because it was impossible to provide an alternate accommodation for the library during the period that would be required for the new building to be erected as also the improbablity of collecting all at once a very large amount for putting up the entire new structure. The building, as it now stands, is not suited for the present purposes of the Society—most of the rooms where our valuable library and publications are stacked are wholly unsuitable and our collections are continuously being affected by damp and pests. The recent proposals for introducing refrigeration had the support of the Central Government and Government assistance is expected. But the total cost would exceed two lacs. The present building has to be demolished and it would be a waste of public money to spend a large amount on refrigeration in an old structure. Occupying as it does one of the most centrally situated positions in Calcutta, the new building, if properly planned, may be utilised so as to convert it in the same way as the Burlington House in London. We have recently been reviewing the entire position. The cost of repairs and additional equipments to make it capable of meeting the needs of the Society would be prohibitive and uneconomical.

To my mind it is neither feasible nor possible to pull down the present structure and in the meantime to remove our Library and office

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and all our activities to a temporary home until a new building is ready. Not only is such temporary accommodation an impossibility on account of the pressure on Calcutta but there is the obvious risk in taking out our treasures to another place and bringing them back again to the new home. On my suggestion, the Council has approved of a modified scheme. The lease of the portion of the Society's premises abutting on the Chowringhee has now come to an end. We are making ready a congregated plan for the entire 3½ bigha plot which the Society owns, making provisions for erecting buildings on different portions and by stages. We may now take in hand a new building on the vacant plot on the west of the existing structure. After we are able to have a three storied building on this section we may remove the library to the new premises, such new accomodation being in conformity with the needs of a modern library. It is only thereafter that we can think of demolishing the old structure and continue the new building eastward. It is, I think, possible to start work immediately by utilising a portion of our investment and Reserve on this project. The expected assistance from the Government for providing refrigeration may be better utilised for the proposed new building. If the general members ultimately approve of the scheme, I am confident that by the time we meet next year we may see the beginning of the new building. Once we start the building operation, we may confidently approach both the Provincial and Central Governments as also the public for coming to the assistance of the oldest cultural Institution in the East.

In course of the rapid survey made by me last year of our various activities I made a fervent appeal for convening a meeting of the representatives of the Asian countries to consider the cultural problems of Asia. I had further emphasised that if there be any institution wherefrom this work of co-ordination between the different Asian countries could be attempted, it was the Asiatic Society of Bengal. The proposal had been circulated to the representative institutions in different parts of Asia as also to institutions which are interested in Asian culture. The response was not only hopeful but highly encouraging. Offers for active co-operation came from such far distant countries as Australia, U. S. A., Canada, United Kingdom, Egypt, Ceylon, Malay, etc. and from such institutions as the Australian National University, University of Pennsylvania, Michigan State College, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Philadelphia, Canadian Institute of International Affairs, Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain, School of Oriental & African Studies, London, League of Arab States, the Indian Embassy at Cairo, Malay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, Thai-Bhārat Cultural Lodge, the Mahābodhī Society of Ceylon and others. We have not however much of a practical support from the Central Government as yet. I still hope and trust that it may be possible to give a definite turn to the proposal before the end of this year. A little sympathy and active co-operation from the authorities will make it possible for us to show what can be achieved.

While on this theme, I should also refer to the change again in the name of the Society which is going to be effected very soon. Since its inception the Society has changed its name several times, and the necessity of changing the present name once again had been felt for some time past. The members have now decided to go back to the

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original name as given by our illustrious founder. The decision, it will be admitted, has been a wise one. For millenniums India had been the culture centre of Asia and the vision and imagination of the founder had planned in India an institution which, under the name 'Asiatick Society', would carry on investigations on "whatever is performed by man or produced by nature" within the geographical limits of Asia. That has been and still is the motto of our Society. The appellation "of Bengal" which crept in, almost unawares I should say, nearly fifty years after its foundation, has several disadvantages. First, it theoretically limits the scope of the activities of the Society as originally outlined. Secondly, because of this appellation our Society, the parent of all Asiatic Societies, is liable to be mistaken in less informed circles as but a branch of the London Society which had been founded forty years later by one of our past presidents on the model of our Society. Thirdly, being so mistaken our appeals reach a wider public only with very great difficulty. I should repeat that though we might have changed the name several times our motto remains the same as will be testified to by our varied publications and by the valuable dissertations that have come out in our Journals. We go back to our original name to emphasise our aims and objects as originally outlined and our heritage as the proper venue for cultural co-ordination among all Asiatic countries.

We are trying to revive our old tradition and the reports of our monthly meetings, discussions and general lectures for the past year will indicate the variety of subjects and topics that come within the purview of this Society's activities. Such meetings, I should say, have become special features in the academic and cultural life of the country and in our monthly gatherings new and important lines of research had been indicated by a series of important communications. In the cultural life of a free India and of a new Asia the Asiatic Society has an important part to play. Our foremost need at the present moment is a better and more extensive accomodation for the Society. No less important is the successful re-organisation of our immense and valuable library and its equipment with proper materials and academically minded personnel. It is only when these are available that we can expect to provide better facilities for advanced studies and guide important research work. We have also to widen our publication programme on a broader basis to suit the needs of the times. The Asiatic Society comprehends and belongs to all Asia and we look forward to all men of learning and culture in every part of Asia as our compatriots in a common cause. The growth of an institution like ours and a successful realisation of its aims should be the care not of India alone but of the whole of Asia. In a distressed world of to-day the west now looks to the east and if Asia is to give the lead again to the world the Asiatic Society has a mission which it must be enabled to fulfil.

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PATRON'S ADDRESS

SPEECH BY HIS EXCELLENCY, DR. K. N. KATJU, M.A. LL.D., GOVERNOR OF WEST-BENGAL, AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY OF BENGAL ON FEBRUARY 6, 1950.

"MR. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE ASIATIC SOCIETY :

"My office confers upon me many honours and privileges and what I value most highly is that it brings me into contact with learned men and learned societies in Bengal. There is not a single educated Indian in India who has not heard with respectful pride of the achievements of the Asiatic Society in the realm of learning. India owes to its founder and foundation members and to others who have followed them generation after generation during the last 167 years a debt immeasurable for their labours of love. The second half of the 18th century saw the passing away of a great order in this country and in the closing years of that century Indians stood culturally on the very brink of a precipice. Vicissitudes of fortune had brought the East under the domination of the West and there was a real danger of Indians becoming completly oblivious of their vast cultural heritage. From that catastrophe I verily believe this Society in a great measure saved us. The debt of Indian lawyers to Sir William Jones and others is great. They showed to the world in those days that India possessed a Jurisprudence which while in antiquity it went back thousands of years but in intrinsic merit and equity of thought and reasoning was, if anything, superior to the laws of the Greeks and the Romans. Ever since its foundation the Society has laboured indefatigably and its record of work is indeed glorious. That it should have continued to labour without a break and in the closest collaboration between eastern and western scholars all these years is no mean achievement. Now that we stand on the threshold of another new order, I am sure that the Society will by a little reorientation of its outlook and its methods of work serve the national cause still more nobly and guide the educated youth of India to its rightful destiny.

"As a student of history it has always struck me how small a part have kings and emperors and their Governments played in India in moulding the manners and customs and movement of public opinion in the past. The primary object of a Government in those days was to keep law and order and to leave the people as least governed as possible. The people led their own lives, developed their own usages and customs and through their customs they were their own law-makers. The ancient text that custom overrides the written letter of the law was throughout the centuries in full operation and slowly but surely during the ages the Indians were evolving settled rules which governed civil

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rights and obligations as between citizen and citizen ; and they were also constantly building up a social structure which has had marvellous resisting powers. I am most anxious that now that the people of India have formally established a Sovereign Republic and become their own masters, our scholars and historians should by careful research and investigation probe into the working of the national mind in the past few centuries and discover the basic principles which have appealed to the Indian people in regulating their own conduct. Violence we all abhor and we all detest dictatorship. Persuasion and argument and government by discussion is the very essence of the democratic institutions. It is therefore imperative in the national interest that the future historian should not merely concentrate on a mere record of wars and the doings of a particular king or kings. Such a record would today be of no value or significance whatsoever. What we urgently need today is a history of the Indian people themselves, not a history of their kings or their rulers—be they Hindus or Muslims or British. The preparations of this history of the people would require very laborious work and painstaking study of sacred scriptures and of art and drama and other literature. It would above all require considerable research into records, official and unofficial, of people's manners and customs and daily mode of life. All this labour will be well bestowed because law should only be a product of the progress and movement of public opinion. All laws and regulations which are not in conformity with public opinion will always prove dead letters. It is from this point of view that I attach the utmost importance to a very careful examination of the national wealth which is locked up in our manuscripts scattered all over India. Books in print are well-known. Early editions of classics or scriptures may be valuable and indeed treasures as specimens of the art of calligraphy or early printing, but they do not add in any way to the stock of national knowledge. Unpublished manuscripts are our real national treasures. They should be publicised and I quite agree with you that it would almost be absurd to have laborious researches made by competent scholars and yet to let the results of such labours remain unpublished.

"The forecast into the future is a fascinating pastime. I sometimes indulge in it and come to the conclusion that as years pass by, much that we have stocked in our libraries as of great importance to future scholars may be left utterly neglected. It may be true that for forging our constitution we have taken advantage largely of constitutions of Western countries and this generation seems to be rather overwhelmed by the so-called impact of the West on the East. I, however, think that this impact has in reality been very superficial indeed and within a few years the Indian mind will seek to move again in the ancient moorings and cut out a path for itself based upon its own values and way of life. Much of what I may term British-Indian literature dealing with British rule in India will be found utterly valueless. The whole drift during the British period was towards centralisation of administrative machinery and Government. Our national genius on the other hand has always leaned towards decentralisation of civil government and its agencies. I of course refer to civil government alone, and the more we investigate into the working of old institutions, village communities and others, which functioned as instruments of such decentralisation, the more shall our labours be richly rewarded and the more shall we serve

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true national interests. It is in this direction that I would like to draw respectfully the attention of this learned Society.

"The field for endeavour is still vast and even unexplored. Only yesterday morning Mr. Chakravarty, Principal of the Calcutta School of Arts, was telling me of the results of his eight days' investigations in the State of Keonjhar (now merged into the State of Orissa) where he found clear traces in fresco paintings of civilisation closely allied to Ajantā and Ellora and possibly going as far back as Mahenjodāro. On the same lines my learned friend, Dr. R. C. Majumdar, has, in a paper read before the Society on the site of the confluence of the Ganga and Yamuna, suggested conclusions which may be of the greatest importance in determining the geography of and the flow of rivers in ancient India. I take only two instances. I am sure that facilities for investigation and research will now in this free India of ours be available to scholars on the largest possible scale and I feel confident that Governments, both of the Union and the States, will be found only too ready and willing to listen to appeals for financial assistance. I respectfully congratulate you all on a very successful year of learned endeavour and hope and pray that the Society may continue to serve the people of India for centuries to come.

"Before I sit down may I say gratuitiously one or two words about the financial condition of the Society to which the President referred in great detail ? I have got rather curious notions about these matters. I do not believe in fixed endowments for societies or institutions which are doing national work of great importance and my suggestion to you for your examination is that if you need money and that money is not available or not forthcoming, and owing to financial stringency Government do not come to your assistance, you should without any hesitation draw upon your reserves. I do not know how they stand but I found from the balance sheet that the annual income from endowments is just over Rs. 9,000/- in 3% paper in a permanent reserve of 3 lacs of rupees, for the building of the Society. If I were a member of the Committee I would have readily given my vote in favour of withdrawal from the reserve funds. Of this amount of 3 lacs of rupees, Rs. 3,000/-, Rs. 10,000/- or say, even Rs. 50,000/- should be drawn without hesitation for work of this importance, namely, preservation of manuscripts, publication of your catalogues and such like urgent matters. So far as your balance sheet is concerned that will not mean anything but a small reduction in it. You are not carrying on a money-lending business, nor are you carrying on any family enterprise which will enable you to live for generations to come with the help of what you store up. Even if you spend 3 lacs of rupees on the work that you are doing, that will be furthering a cause of national importance. The Government of the day is bound to listen to you. That is one point which I would like to stress. The second point is about the 20 per cent cut that was imposed by the Finance Department. It occured to me that you insisted for a refund of the arrears, or rather, if I remember rightly, a faint suggestion was made to that affect. It appears that the sum involved is not great and so it may be that the Finance Minister may lend your Society a sympathetic ear if you represent the case to him again. But the first matter is of great importance, that is, our constant advice is that those who contribute towards rich endowments, expect work of this description

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to be done with the help of the donations made by them. Cultural institutions may, therefore, go in, with the fullest confidence, for deficit budgets."

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EXHIBITION ANNUAL MEETING

LIST OF EXHIBITS SHOWN AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY OF BENGAL ON THE 6TH FEBRUARY 1950

MANUSCRIPTS (SANSKRITIC SECTION)

A. Some of the rare and unique manuscripts :

1. Bṛhatī (III.B.125):

A commentary on the Mīmāṁsā-sūtras by Prabhākar Miśra who introduced a new chapter in the study of Mīmāṁsā. His school has been keenly supported by some of the ancient scholars of Bengal. He is usually placed in the 7th century A.D. The present copy belongs to the collection of Sarvavidyānidhāna Kavindrācārya Sarasvatī, a great Sanyāsī leader held in high esteem in the Court of Shahjāhān. Manuscripts of this work are extremely rare.

2. Aṁṛta-vindu (III.F.149):

An independent treatise on Mīmāṁsā by Mahāmahopādhyāya Candra, who appears to have been an inhabitant of Mithilā or Bengal. He is an advocate of Prabhākara's school. Murāri Miśra, the famous exponent of Mīmāṁsā quotes from him and hence he cannot be placed later than the 11th century A.D. Manuscripts of this text are very few.

3. A fragment of a commentary on the Pañcārtha Bhāṣya of Kauṇḍiṇya (I.M. 7163):

Of the vast literature belonging to the Nākulīśa-Pāśupata system of thought only the Pañcārtha Bhāṣya and Gaṇakārikā have come down to scholars. This commentary, the existence of which was not known before the discovery of this manuscript, is replete with quotations from ancient teachers of whom very little is known from other sources. It frequently refers to one Mahābhaṣya which is distinct from the Bhāṣya of Kauṇḍiṇya.

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4. A commentary on the Kiraṇāvalī of Udayana (I.M. 9262):

The author of this commentary is Bhaṭṭa Vādīndra whose Mahāvidyāviḍambana is well known to students of Indian Philosophy. This manuscript covers almost the whole of the *dravya* (substance) section. The *guṇa* section has been printed. But no other copy of the particular section dealing with substance is known so far to exist.

5. Cāru-caryā (G. 10622):

A short metrical treatise dealing with the culture of beauty and other allied topics by Bhojadeva, king of Dhārā. Religious and hygienic interests are paramount everywhere. The author quotes from Bhāvaprakasa and Keyadeva.

6. Nartaka-nirṇaya (III. D. 5):

A work dealing with the art, dancing, music and such other allied topics by Puṇḍarika-Vichchhala, an inhabitant of Karṇāṭa.

7. Vyākhyāna-ratnāvalī (III. B. 7):

A commentary on the Mokṣadharma section of the Mahābharata by Ānandapūrṇa Vidyāsāgara who attempts to explain this particular section from the Vedantic point of view.

8. Mokṣadharma-ṭīka (G. 5701):

A commentary on the Moksadharma section of the Mahābhārata by Paramānanda Bhaṭṭācāryya.

9. Pārasika-prakāśa (G. 9005):

A Sanskrit-Persian lexicon compiled at the instance of Akbar by Kṛshṇa, son of Gopāla.

10. Saṁskṛta-ratnākara (I.M. 5868):

A Sanskrit-Persian grammar and composition composed by Mathurānātha Sukla.

11. Padacandrikā (III. C. 73):

A commentary on the Amarakosa by Bṛhaspati Miśra, better known as Rāyamukuṭa which forms one of his several titles of distinction. The author, who belongs to the Rāḍhīya clan of the Bengali Brahmins, was patronised by the son of Rājā Gaṇeśa. He states that his commentary forms the sum and substance of the sixteen earlier commentaries on Amarakosa. Grammatical speculations form the main interest of the work. Of particular importance are the Bengali equivalents of the names of herbs and drugs enumerated in the Vanaushadhi-varga. Manuscripts of this work are extremely rare.

12. Śiśupālabadha-ṭīkā (HM 86):

A commentary on Śiśupālabadha of Magha by Rāyamukuṭa Bṛhaspati Miśra. Manuscripts of this commentary are

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extremely rare, only one other fragment being known to exist. The importance of the copy on exhibition lies in its date, 1412 of the Śaka era corresponding to 1490 A.D., which suggests that it might have been transcribed during the life-time of the author.

13. Lalitavistara (B. 14) :

A copy in Newari of the celebrated text, manuscripts of which are extremely rare.

14. Sphuṭārthābhidharmakosa-vyākhyā (A. 13) :

A commentary on the Abhidharmakosa of Vasubandhu by Yaśomitra. Manuscripts of this work are very rare.

15. A horoscope of a Muslim Amir of the Mughal court (G. 10100):

This constitutes a year's reading of the horoscope of Nawab Luharāsī (?) Khan, son of Mahābat Khan. It was prepared in 1640 A.D. which corresponds to the 28th year of the age of the Nawab. The date has been given variously—Vikrama Samvat 1698, Śaka 1563, Hijri 1050, when the 13th year of the reign of Pātisāha Shahjāhān had elapsed.

16. A nativity chart in a manuscript (G. 1568) :

On the last folio of a manuscript of Dharmaratna of Jīmūtavāhana there occurs in a different handwriting the nativity chart of the son of one Ghaṭaka Siṁha, who was born in Śaka 1417/1495 A.D.

17. A deed of mortgage in a manuscript (G. 670) :

On the last folio of a manuscript of Śrāddhacintāmaṇi of Vācaspati Miśra there appears a deed of mortgage of a house for a loan of Rs. 8/- only. Dated 1046 of the Bengali era corresponding to 1639 A.D.

18. Rāmāyana (PB. 3) :

A Bengali Rāmāyana by Rāmānanda Yati, manuscripts of which are scarcely to be found.

B. *A few of the illustrated manuscripts* :

1. Aṣṭasāhasrikā Prajñāpāramitā, the sacred text of Mahāyāna Buddhism (G. 4713) : Palm leaf. Kuṭila. Copied at Nālandā in the sixth year of the reign of Mahīpāla, apparently the first king of that name in the Pāla dynasty of Bengal. Date—c. close of the 10th century A.D.

With twelve illustrated panels, three in each folio, depicting the events in the life of the Buddha and other Mahāyāna Buddhist divinities. An almost similar manuscript, copied in the fifth year of the same king, is now in the Cambridge University Library.

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2. Aṣṭasāhasrikā Prajñāpāramitā (No. A. 15) : Palm leaf. Newari. Date -- Newari Samvat 191/1071 A.D.

With thirty-five miniature illustrations depicting the various gods and goddesses and important shrines of the Buddhist pantheon. The illustrations mostly bear descriptive labels and in this, as well as in the style of the paintings, this manuscript has a close parallel in the Cambridge manuscript of the same text copied in 135 of the Newar era, i.e. 1015 A.D. Fluent lines, harmonious compositions and charming colour schemes characterise the paintings of both these manuscripts.

3. Aṣṭasāhasrikā Prajñāpāramitā (G. 4203) : Palm leaf. Newari. Date -- Newari Samvat 268/1148 A.D.

With four miniature illustrations depicting the Buddha in the different episodes of his life. Though decayed to some extent the delicacy of the lines and elegance of composition are evident.

4. Aṣṭasāhasrikā Prajñāpāramitā (G. 9989A) : Palm leaf. Kuṭila. Date — Year 18 of the reign of Govindapāla, i.e. latter half of the 12th century A.D.

Only the last folio showing three Buddhist divinities. Extreme flexions of the body and to some extent a restless linear modelling characterise the paintings.

5. Aparimitāyurnāma-Mahāyānasūtra (G. 4716) : Palm leaf. Kuṭila. No date — c. 11th-12th century A.D.

With three miniature sketches of Buddhist divinities in the Eastern Indian style. These unfinished sketches illustrate the mode of painting in those days.

These five manuscripts are important not only for their dates but also as authenticated documents of the art of painting in Eastern India and Nepal in the 10th, 11th and 12th centuries of the Christian era. Removed from the classical tradition of Ajantā by several centuries these paintings, in miniature though, present remarkable affinities with that tradition in linear as well as in plastic conception. In the last two the classical tradition is already found to be in a state of exhaustion and it disappeared from Eastern India with the Islamic occupation, as will be apparent from the next manuscript. In Nepal, however, it continued to survive, though in a decadent state, for sometime more.

6. Pañcarakṣā (G. 4078): Palm leaf. Kuṭila. Date — Śaka 1211/1289 A.D. during the reign of Gauḍeśvara Madhusena.

With illustrations of the five Pañcarakṣā goddesses. These paintings with their broken lines and extremely coagulated modelling clearly imply that the classical trend in Indian painting is already dead.

7. Pañcarakṣā (No. B. 35): Palm leaf. Newari. Date — Newari Samvat 385/1265 A.D.

With illustrations of the five Pañcarakṣā goddesses. Secluded in the hill-girt valley of Nepal the classical trend

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lingered on for sometime more, and these paintings, though decadent, still afford glimpses of the past achievements of that tradition.

8. Paramārthanāma Saṅgīti (G. 10760): Nepalese blue paper. Newari written in gold and silver in alternate lines. No date — c. 15th century A.D.

With illustrations of two Buddhist divinities. Though of late date the delicate lines and elegant composition still remind one of the tradition in illustrated manuscripts of early date.

9. Stotras and Dhāraṇīs (G. 10843): Nepalese blue paper. Newari written in gold. No date — c. 18th century A. D.

With illustrations of eight Buddhist divinities. The early tradition is practically lost. The paintings are of interest for iconographic studies.

10. Devīmāhātmya (I. M. 10336): Country-made paper Nāgarī: Date — Samvat 1796/1738 A. D.

With numerous miniature paintings illustrating the different stories. To persons familiar with the Western tradition they may appear to be crude, but certain qualities of drawing, composition and colour scheme may be recognised in them. They are specially interesting as invaluable documents of an indigenous system of painting, as opposed to the Mughal and Rajput schools, and evidences of such a trend are extremely rare.

11. Vivekapañcāmṛta (I. M. 5864): Country-made paper. Nāgarī. Date — Samvat 1852/1794 A.D.

An exposition of the five philosophical sūtras. The importance of the copy lies in its several illustrations which are in a style reminiscent of the late Mughal and Rajput schools.

12. Bhagavad-gītā (I.M 5863): Country-made paper. Nāgarī. No date — c. 18th century A.D.

With several illustrations in Rajput style.

13. Yogavāśiṣṭhasāra (I. M. 5865): Country-made paper. Nāgarī. No date — c. 18th century A.D.

With several illustrations in Rajput style.

14. Pictorial illustration of the story of the Rāmāyaṇa according to the Burmese version. Country-made paper. No date — c. 19th century A.D.

C. *A few of the early manuscripts illustrative of the development of the Bengali Script together with a palæographical chart.*

1. Kubjikāmatam (G. 8329): Palm leaf, Late Gupta script. No date — c. 7th century A.D.

A fragmentary manuscript of Kubjikāmatam or Kulālikāmnāya, a Tantric text on the worship of the goddess Kubjikā. Though no date is preserved the period in which the copy was made may be approximately ascertai-

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ned by a palæographical examination of the letters. The letters used in this manuscript closely agree to those in the Horiyuzi palm leaf manuscript in Japan (7th century A.D.), in the two Midnapore copper-plates of Śaśāṅka (first quarter of the 7th century A.D.) and in the Tipperah plate of Lokanātha (usually placed about the middle of the 7th century A.D.). The forms of the letters in this manuscript are closely analogous to those in the Midnapore plates of Śaśāṅka and are generally more archaic in appearance than those in the Tipperah plate. A date about the first quarter of the 7th-century A.D. would not thus appear improbable for this manuscript.

As the chart will show at least thirty per cent. of the consonants in this manuscript may be found to have acquired what may be recognised to be their Bengali forms. A few others may also be regarded to have anticipated Bengali forms which are to come later. This particular copy supplies us with the earliest manuscript material for a study of the development of the Bengali script.

2. Fragment of a Vajrayāna text (G. 9995A): Palm leaf. Proto-Bengali. No date -- c. 10th-11th century A.D.

3. A text on Vajrayāna sādhana (G. 4837): Palm leaf. Proto-Bengali. No date — c. 11th century A.D.

4. A text on Buddhist nyāya (G. 10746): Palm leaf. Proto-Bengali. No date — c. 11th century A.D.

These three are separated from the first by several centuries and though not dated their period may be approximately ascertained by an examination of their letter forms. The letters in these manuscripts exhibit a decided advance towards the Bengali form and most of the letters, including the vowels and conjuncts, are Bengali. The letters in the first of this lot agree to those in the Bangarh grant of Mahīpāla I of Bengal and those in the next two are also closely analogous. The early forms of the letters in these three manuscripts cannot be found in the later inscriptions and on this account they have to be dated in the 10th-11th century A.D.

5. Laghukālacakra-ṭīkā (G. 10766), also known as Vimalaprabhā. Palm leaf. Bengali. Date — 39th year of the reign of Harivarmadeva of the Varman dynasty of Eastern Bengal who may be placed about the close of the 11th and the beginning of the 12th century A.D.

6. Kalacakrāvatāra (G. 4732) of Abhayākara Gupta: Palm leaf. Bengali. Date — Śaka 1047/1125 A.D.

7. Kuṭṭanīmatam (G. 4731) of Dāmodara Gupta: Palm leaf. Bengali. Date — Before 292 of the Newar era, i.e. 1172 A.D.

The above lot possesses the significant advantage of being definitely dated and from this period the development of the script can be studied with the help of dated manuscripts. Belonging practically to the same epoch all

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these manuscripts reveal the letters, with very few exceptions, as Bengali to all intents and purposes. Even in case of such exceptions the forms of the letters in question just anticipate the Bengali forms.

8. Vajrāvalīnāma maṇḍalopāyikā (G. 4835): Palm leaf. Bengali. No date — c. 12th century A.D.
9. Sampuṭodbhava kalparāja (G. 4854): Palm leaf. Bengali. No date — c. 12th century A.D.
10. Apohasiddhi (G. 4711): Palm leaf. Bengali. No date — c. 12th century A.D.
11. Ksaṇabhaṅgasiddhi (G. 4744): Palm leaf. Bengali. No date — c. 12th century A.D.
12. Bodhicaryāvatāra-ṭīkā (G. 3829) of Prajñākaramati: Palm leaf. Bengali. No date — c. 12th century A.D.
13. Rāmacarita of Sandhyākara Nandin (G. 9960): Palm leaf. Bengali. No date — c. 12th century A.D.

Though not dated the period of the above manuscripts may be ascertained with a certain amount of precision by examination of the letters. On this palaeographical data there are strong reasons for placing these to the 12th century A.D. No 12 of the list is interesting for its very neat writing and No. 13 as being the unique copy of a text which brings to light an important episode in the history of the Pāla dynasty of Bengal.

14. Aṣṭau Śabdāḥ (G. 4850): Palm leaf. Maithilī — Date—Lakṣaṇa Samvat 155/1263 or 1274 A.D.
15. Bhaṭṭikāvya-ṭīkā (G. 4795): of Śrīnivāsa. Palm leaf. Bengali. Lakṣaṇa Saṁvat 159/1267 or 1278 A.D.

In these two manuscripts the letters are Bengali, as they are seen in manuscripts of the 12th century A.D., but with certain peculiarities in a few of the letters, which may be due to their being written in Mithilā. The script, now known as Maithilī, has no independent origin apart from Bengali, which was the script in use throughout Eastern India. Indeed, like the present Assamese script, Maithilī is a local and regional variety of Bengali, and these two manuscripts are of supreme importance as indicating the beginnings in the evolution of a regional variety of the Bengali script.

The above will indicate that by the 13th century A.D. the Bengali alphabet has already taken its present shape and there is very little new development, except in case of one or two letters, in the subsequent centuries. Even in case of such exceptions the Bengali forms have already been anticipated as early as the 12th century A.D.

The manuscripts on exhibition represent a period of which such records are very scanty and it is only when the palaeographical data of these manuscripts are co-ordinated with those of the inscriptions that we can expect to have a complete picture of the evolution and development of the Bengali alphabet in its formative stages.

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D. *Scripts and Materials*:

The manuscript collections of the Society's Library cover practically all the Indian scripts and also several other Asiatic scripts. The materials on which the manuscripts were written are also varied—palm and palmyra leaves, barks of different trees, papers of various grades, parchment and even *solā* pith. The items below are intended to illustrate the varied nature of the Society's collections in these respects.

1. Nīlamata-Purāṇa (G. 1556): Script—Śāradā. Material — Kāśmīri Paper.
2. Rāmāyaṇa: Kiskindhyā Kāṇḍa (G. 5615): Script — Orīya. Material — Palm leaf.
3. Gaṇapāṭha (III. A. 174A): Script — Bengali. Material — Solā pith (Aeschynomene paludosa). Date — B.S. 1157/1750 A.D.
4. Mañjuśrī-jñānasattvasyodaya-paramārtha (G. 11265): Script — Newari. Material — Dark blue Nepal paper. Date — N.S. 309/1189 A.D. during the reign of Guṇakāmadeva II of Nepal.
5. Rāmāyaṇa-mañjarī (G. 4153): Script — Śāradā. Material — Birch-bark.
6. Naiṣadhacarita-ṭīkā (G. 3985): Script — Śāradā. Material — Birch-bark.
7. Parāgalī Mahābhārata (PB. 1): Script — Bengali. Material — Country-made paper. Date — B.S. 1129/1722 A.D.
8. Bhakti-pradīpa (G. 5378): Script — Assamese. Material — Bark-agallochum. Date — Śaka 1563/1641 A.D.
9. Pṛthvīrāja-Rāso (H. 19): Script — Nāgarī. Material — Country-made paper. Date — 1868 A.D.
10. Rukmiṇī-svayaṁvara by Kṛṣṇadāsa (S.C. 2184): Script—Mārāṭhī. Material — Country-made paper.
11. Asabajyahachi Kaiphiyat: Chitradurgachi Kaiphiyat: Kaiphiyat Saidyakub Sriranga-pattanam : Mahārāṣṭraharapa chanchunkote Kaiphiyat (S.C. 2185): Script — Mārāṭhī-Modi. Material — Country-made paper.
12. Pratāpa-caritramu: Ñavachola-caritramu (Telenga 502): Script — Telegu. Material — Country-made paper.
13. Aniruddha-caritramu (Kānārese 85): Script — Kānārse-Modi. Material — Country-made paper.
14. A manuscript in Gurmukhi on country-made paper.

(The texts of Nos. 7-14 are in different Indian vernaculars).

15. Tibetan Manuscript (Kangyur): Written in gold on indigenous paper with carvings and painted decorations on the wooden covers.
16. Nirvāṇa-sūtra (G. 4214): Script — Magi. Material — Country-made paper.

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17. Kammava pahdaw (Bur. 52): Scripts — Burmese. Material — Gold lacquered leaves.
18. Manuscript in Siamese (Siamese 1): Material — Blue country-made paper.
19. Manuscript in Javanese (Java 1): Material — Lacquered country-made paper.
20. Bālāvatāra : Kacchāyana-dhātumañjuṣā (Ceylonese 25): Script — Ceylonese. Material — Palmyra leaf.
21. Miracles of Jesus : Script — Armenian. Material — Parchment.

MANUSCRIPTS (ISLAMIC SECTION)

A. *Some rare and unique copies.*

1. Tahdhib Sharh As-Sab' Al-Mullaqāt (Old 1135):

A commentary by Imam 'Ali b. Abdullah Al-Wahrāni, on the seven ancient poems. Copied in good old Egyptian Naskh at Qāhira (Cairo) in A.H. 515/1119-20 A.D.

Copies of this work are extremely rare. Special importance attaches to this manuscript for its great antiquity.

2. Qalā'id al-Iqyān wa Mahāsin al-A'yān (1343):

Biographical notices of elegant writers and poets of Spain with quotations from their works by Abu Nasr al-Fath b. Muhammad al-Qaisi al Ishbili (died 1140 A.D.). Copied in beautiful Naskh in A.H. 574/1178-79 A.D.

The copy belongs to a date very near to that of original composition.

3. Kharidat al-Qasr (351-I):

An anthology on contemporary poets by Imād ad-Din al-Kātib al-Isfahāni (died 1201 A.D.) this work occupies a very important place in Arabic literature. It includes, with the exception of a few poets, the names of all the poets of Irāq, Syria, Mesopotamia, Egypt, North Africa, Spain and Sicily who flourished between the years 1106 and 1176 A.D. Though copies of the work are found in European Libraries, they are only in fragments. Copied in the 12th century A.D.

The present copy is most important as it is the original draft of the author.

4. Al-Jam' Baynas as-Sahihain (A. 325):

A very rare work on the sayings of the Prophet by Abu 'Abdulah Muhammad b. Abi Nasir al-Andalusi (died 1095 A.D.). Copied at Damascus in A.H. 641/1244 A.D.

This copy is stated to have been collated with the author's autograph copy in Damascus by the Khatib of the mosque in A.H. 711/1311 A.D.

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5. Al-Madkhal (A. 16):

A critical work on the sayings of the Prophet and on different theoretical matters connected with the study of the subject by Ahmad b. al-Husain al-Baihaqi (died 1066 A.D). Copied in A.H. 635/1238 A.D. On the last folio it bears the handwriting of the famous traditionist Ibn Salah.

No other copy is known to exist in any other Library.

6. Al-Tahdhib fi Tafsir al-Qurān (A. 53):

A detailed commentary on the Qurān by Abu Said al-Muhasin al-Baihaqi (died 1101 A.D.). Copied in A H. 674/1275 A.D.

7. Tafsir-i-Qurān (P. 956):

An early Persian commentary on the Qurān by Muhammad b. Mahmud Nishāpuri. An excellent specimen of the calligraphic art of Khurāsan it was written by Aii b. Muhammad b. Ahmad al-adib al-Bukhāri Sayyidul Khattāt in A.H. 685/1286 A.D.

8. Al-Ikhtisār wa't Tajrid (A. 186):

An abridged and partly revised edition of Al-Jam' Baynas as-Sahihain by Abu Abdullah Muhammad b. Uthmān as-Shāfi'i. Completed in A.H. 728/1328 A.D.

An autograph copy of the compiler.

9. Tuhfat al-Ahbār fi Usūl al-Hadith wa'l Akhbār (1084-III):

An entirely unknown work on the science of Hadith by al-Hāfiz Abul Mafakhir Abdullah b. Abdur-Rahman b. Abd al-Latif al-Husaini al-Wā'iz. The work was composed in A.H. 830/1426 A.D. and the manner of treatment is methodical, scholarly and original. Copied in very fine Naskh by Abd ar-Rahman al-Bahrāmi ash Shirāzi about the 15th century A.D.

No other copy of this important work is known so far to exist.

10. Kitāb al-I'lān (A. 538):

It is a combination of six treatises on different branches of Arabic learning in one work by Shihāb ad-Din Ahmad b. Abdallah as-Sullāmi. When read in the usual manner it deals with the jurisprudence of the Zaidi sect of Islām, but when read from top to bottom, which is divided into five columns in red ink each column deals with five branches of Arabic learning—1. Prosody and Rhyme, 2. Syntax, 3. Etymology, 4. Logic, and 5. the correct pronunciation and the various readings of the Qurān. It was composed in A.H. 116/1703 A.D.

No other copy of this work is known to exist.

11. Sahā'if-i-Sharā'if or Duraral-Mansūr (1245-III.):

Biographical sketches of Persian prose-writers of India and Irān by Muhammad 'Askari al-Husaini Bilgrāmi.

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The work was composed in A.H. 1213/1815-16 A.D. and contains valuable data regarding the Persian prose-writers in general and contemporary Indian writers in particular. There are several interesting specimens of the compositions of the Mughal kings, princes and princesses.

An autograph copy of the author. No other copy is known to exist in any other Library.

12. Ma'āthir-i-Rahimi (140):

Memoirs of Abdu'l Bāqi, an official under Abdu'r Rahim Khānkhanān, to whom they are dedicated, dealing with the politics of the later part of the reign of Akbar and the early part of that of Jahāngir. Copied in Indian Nastaliq and containing at the end a note on the collation of the copy with the original copy of the author.

13. Adāb-'i-Ālamgiri (378):

A collection of official letters and various documents belonging to the reign of Aurangzeb, written in his name by his Secretary, Abu'l Fath Qābil Khān and collected and arranged by Sādiq Muttalibi (died 1716 A.D.). Copied in Indian Nastaliq in the 16th year of Muhammad Shāh's reign, i.e. A.H. 1146/1733 A.D.

14. Fathu'l Mujāhidin (1669):

A well known work by Zainul 'ābidin written by order and under the direction of Tipu Sultān of Mysore in A.H. 1197/1783 A.D. It deals with the religious aspect of war against unbelievers and chiefly with the organisation, drill and employment in action of the various branches of the army. Copied in Shikasta Amiz Nastaliq about the close of the 18th century A.D.

B. *A few of the illustrated and calligraphic copies*:

1. Kulliyāt-i-Jāmi (612):

A collection of Jāmi's works in prose and verse, apparently intended as an edition de luxe. Writtten in calligraphic Nastaliq of the Herāti type about the 16th century A.D. Excellent full-page *unwān* and many vignettes in the beginning of every work. From a note it appears that the copy belonged to Naurz Ahamd Khān b. Suyunich-Khwāja Khān b. Abi'l Khān, the Shaybāni prince of Turkestān who reigned from 1551/1556 A.D.

2. Shāhnāma (421):

The celebrated work of Abul Qāsim Firdausi Tusi (died 1020 A.D.). Copied in calligraphic Shikasta-Nastaliq in A.H. 882/1477 A.D. With *unwāns* at the beginning of every *daftar*.

3. Kulliyat-i-Sādi (1290-III):

Complete works of the celebrated Persian poet Shaykh Sādi Shirāzi (died 1292 A.D.). Copied in Indian calligraphic Nastaliq on gold-sprinkled paper by Burhānuddin, son of Pahāddin, at Ahmedabād in A.H. 996/1587 A.D.

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4. Kulliyāt-i-S'ādi (1289-III):

The same copied in beautiful Nastliq about 1600 A.D. With miniature illustrations in Persian style and ornamental unwāns.

5. Suwaru'l Aqālim (280):

A compendium on general geography, with special reference to wonders of various kinds, by Abu Zayd b. Sahl Balkhi. Composed in 748 A.H./1347-48 A.D. it was dedicated to the Muzaffaride prince Muhārizuddin Muhammad (1313-59 A.D.) of Fārs and Kirmān. Copied in Indian Nastaliq in A.H. 1054/1644 A.D.

With several miniature paintings of the Mughal school of rather indifferent quality.

6. Shāhnāma (422):

The celebrated work of Firdausi copied about the 17th century A.D. in calligraphic Nastaliq.

With eight full-page paintings of the later Persian style.

7. Farhang-i-Aurang-Shāhi (1367):

A voluminous naturalistic encyclopædia of India by Hidayatullah b. Muhammad Muhasin al-Qurayshi al-Hāshimi al-Ja'fari, who dedicated the work to Aurangzib. The work, which seems to be very rare, contains a description of the animals, plants, etc. of India. Copied about the 17th century A.D. in Indian Nastaliq.

With many paintings illustrating the different species and specimens, some of them being nicely drawn.

8. Āin-i-Akbari (128):

The celebrated work of Abul Fazl, copied in Indian Nastaliq within gold-ruled borders about the 18th century A.D.

With a few illustrations depicting jewelleries, armaments, etc.

9. Diwān-i-Makhfi (824):

A collection of poems of Zibu'n-Nisā, the eldest daughter of Aurangzib. Copied in Indian Nastaliq about the 18th century A.D.

With several miniature illustrations in Mughal style of indifferent quality.

10. Qissa-i-Nush-Afarin (317):

A story of the adventures of princess Nush-Afarin and her lovers by an unknown author. Copied in A.H. 1230/1814 A.D. in Persian Nastaliq.

With numerous miniature illustrations in Persian style of poor quality.

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11 Al-Hisnu'l-Hasin (191-III):

Book of prayers based on Hadith. Copied with interlinear translation in Persian by Muhammad Kāzim of Shirāz in A.H. 1237/1821 A.D.

Fine Nastaliq calligraphy within beautifully illuminated borders.

12. Amir-nāma (217):

A biography of an Afghan chief, Amiru'd-Daula Muhmmad Amir Khān, by Baswan Lal, surnamed Shādan of Balgrām. The work, which was composed in 1824 A.D., contains many references to Indian political life. Copied in Indian Nastaliq in A.H. 1251/1835 A.D.

With many miniature paintings illustrative of the pictorial art of the times.

13. Tuti nāma (105):

The well known 52 tales of a parrot by Diyāuddin Nakhshabi composed about 1330 A.D. Copied in Samvat 1900/1842-43 A.D. in Indian Nastaliq.

With a good many Paintings illustrating the different stories.

14. 'Iyār-i-Dānish (106):

The well known version of the book of Kalila and Dimna, based on Nasru'l-lah's translation, compiled by Abul Fazl. Copied in Indian Nastaliq in Samvat 1904/1846-47 A.D.

With several miniature illustrations of the different tales.

15. Bihār-i-Dānish (108):

A collection of fairy tales, combined with the story of Jahandar Sultan and Bahrwar Bānu, composed in 1651 A.D. by Inayatullah Kanbu (died 1671 A.D.). Copied in the 19th century A.D. in Indian Nastaliq.

With a good many paintings in the style of the period.

16. Tarjuma-i-Mahābhārata (677):

A Persian translation of the Mahābhārata, different from the well known version prepared in Akbar's time, probably by a Hindu. Copied probably in Samvat 1908/1850-51 A.D. in Indian Nastaliq.

With several illustrations in the style of the period.

The illustrations of the above five manuscripts represent a new phase in the history of the Rajput school of painting.

17. Tafrihul-'Imārat (288):

A description of the buildings at Agra, together with short historical notes on persons with whom they are connected, by Silchand, who dedicated the work to J. H. Lushington, Collector of Agra (1825-26 A.D.)

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With six sketches of the important buildings.

18. 'Imāratul-Akbar (D. 250):

A description of the buildings of Akbar at Agra by Munshi Chitar Mal, prepared for Dr. James Duncan of Agra in 1829-30. It is a most valuable work, and the Society's copy is now unique.

COPPERPLATES

A few of the interesting documents in the Archives of the Library:

The earliest inscription in the Society's archives is the Bairat inscription of Asoka, now exhibited in the corridor of the first floor of the Society's building. It was from this that James Prinsep first deciphered the Brāhmī alphabet in 1837. The other inscriptions on stone, which were in the Society, were made over to the Indian Museum. The archives of the Library possesses a good many copperplate inscriptions of which select items are being exhibited.

1. Sohagura Copperplate Inscription:

This inscription, which purports to be an administrative circular issued by the Council of *Mahāmātras* of Śrāvastī, is of outstanding interest as being a document connected with famine relief measures. The measures relate to special store-houses for storage of grains and seeds which are to be distributed only in times of draught and scarcity. Read along with the fragmentary stone inscription from Mahasthan (North Bengal) this plate gives us a glimpse of the various measures adopted in India, more than 2,000 years ago, for combating draught and famine. In the upper field there appear certain symbols of which the two houses may probably stand for store-houses and the leafy tree and the leafless tree respectively for plenty and draught.

The inscription is written in Brāhmī characters of the Mauryan period (c. 3rd-2nd century B.C.) and closely resembles the fragmentary stone inscription from Mahasthan.

2. Three copperplate inscriptions from Faridpur:

One of these copperplates belongs to the reign of *Mahārājādhirāja* Gopachandra and two to that of *Mahārājādhirāja* Dharmāditya, who appear to have been ruling as independent sovereigns in South and Eastern Bengal about the middle of the 6th century A.D. These are important documents of ancient Bengal recording purchase of land and its gift and incidentally refer to the customary procedures of purchase and eventual gift, the usual rate

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at which lands were punchased and sold, etc. They also give us a picture of local and provincial administration prevalent in Bengal in those days. Seals were attached to the left hand sides of these plates, but only that in the plate of Gopachandra is now preserved. It shows the figure of the goddess Lakshmī standing between two elephants sprinkling water and below is engraved the legend 'of the office of the district of Vāraka-maṇḍala' from which the plates were issued.

The first plate is dated in the 3rd year of the reign of Gopachandra, while one of the plates of Dharmāditya is dated in his 19th regnal year. Palæographically they belong to the middle of the 6th century A.D. In form as well as in purpose they closely resemble the several copperplates found in North Bengal, all, except the last, belonging to the previous century.

3. Tipperah copperplate inscription of Lokanātha.:

The inscription records a grant of land to a Brāhmaṇa, Pradoshaśarman, in the forest region of the *vishaya* or district of Suvvuṅga by *Sāmanta* Lokanātha, who appears to have been a feudatory chief under some suzerain overlord whose identity is uncertain.

In the centre of the left hand corner there is a seal bearing in relief the figure of the goddess Lakshmī standing on a lotus with two elephants on two sides sprinkling water over her. Below is engraved the name of the office of issue of the document, whereas the name of the donor is impressed on the right side of the goddess.

The inscription bears a date which is fragmentary. On palæographical grounds it may be referred to the 7th century A.D.

4. Kailan copperplate inscription of Śrīdhāraṇa Rāta:

This inscription records the grant of land, on the application of *Mahāsāndhivigrahika* Jayanātha, by Srīdhāraṇa Rata, the lord of Samataṭa, in the *vishayas* of Guptinātana and Patalāyikā, for dedication to the Bhagavat Tathāgataratna (Buddha) of the Ratnatraya, as well as to a number of learned Brahmins for the performance of their *Pañcha-Mahāyajña*. The fact that Jayanātha had reverence both for the Buddhist Trinity and the Brahmaṇas throws some interesting light on the religious condition of Bengal in the 7th century.

This inscription gives evidence of the political circumstances and of a new dynasty of kings in Samataṭa. Jīvadhāraṇa, father of Śrīdhāraṇa, is already known from the Tipperah plate, and suggestions have been made that his family, which began as feudatories, was trying to establish autonomous position in Samataṭa about the second half of the 7th century.

The inscription is dated in the 8th year of the rule of Śrīdhāraṇa. Jīvadhāraṇa, father of Śrīdhāraṇa, was a

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contemporary of Lokanātha, who flourished about the middle of the 7th century. Śrīdharaṇa may be placed about the 3rd quarter of the 7th century and this date is also corroborated by a palæographical examination of the inscription.

5. Ashrafpur copperplate inscription of Devakhadga:

This inscription records the grant of certain villages to a Buddhist monastery by King Devakhadga in order to secure the longivity of his son, Rājarājabhaṭṭa.

A circular seal, bearing in relief the figure of a couchant bull with the name of the king below, is attached to the top of the plate.

Palæographically the inscription may be referred to the last half of the 7th century A.D. From this, coupled with certain statements in I-tsing's account of fifty-six Buddhist priests of China who visited India and the neighbouring parts during the latter half of the 7th century, Devakhadga and his family may be known to have been ruling approximately between 650 and 700 A.D.

6. Bhagalpur copperplate inscription of Nārāyaṇapāla.

This inscription records the grant of certain lands to the congregation of Pāśupata teachers for the adequate worship of the Lord Śiva by Nārāyaṇapāla of the Buddhist Pāla dynasty of Bengal. A massive seal, bearing in relief the representation of the *Dharmachakra* with a couchant deer on either side and the name of the king below, is attached to the top of the plate.

The inscription is dated in the 17th year of the reign of Nārāyaṇapāla (approximately the latter half of the 9th century) and mentions many historical events in the early history of the Pālas, including Dharmapāla's successful encounter with Indrāyudha of Kanauj and his nomination of Chakrāyudha to the sovereignty of that historic city.

7. Amgachi copperplate inscription of Vigrahapāla III.

This inscription records the grant of some land to a Brāhmaṇa by king Vigrahapāla III of the Pāla dynasty of Bengal. An ornamental seal, as above, is attached to the top of the plate.

The inscription is dated in the 12th year of the reign of the king, i.e. about the latter half of the 11th century A.D.

8. Manahali copperplate inscription of Madanapāla.

This inscription records the grant of a village to a Brahmaṇa as his fee for reading the *Mahābhārata* for the benefit of the Queen Chitramatikā Devī by king Madanapāla. He was the last of the Pāla kings of Bengal, and as such the genealogical portion of the inscription is important as containing a complete list of the Pāla kings. It is dated in the 8th year of the reign of the king which falls

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about the second quarter of the 12th century A.D. and very soon after this date he appears to have been ousted from Bengal by Vijayasena, who founded the Sena dynasty in Bengal.

9. Copperplate inscription of Bhavadeva:

This inscription records the grant of certain land to the head of a Buddhist monastery by Bhavadeva, son of the illustrious king Ānandeva and was issued from the royal camp situated at Devaparvata. A seal bearing in relief the emblem of the sacred wheel flanked by two deer and with the legend *Śrī Abhinava-mṛigāṅka* below, is soldered at the top.

The inscription is dated in the 2nd year of the reign of the king. Palaeographically it may be referred to the close of the 11th or the beginning of the 12th century A.D. The inscription is of singular interest as bringing to light the existence of a new dynasty of kings in Eastern Bengal during the period of the later Pālas.

10. Two copperplate inscriptions of Lakshaṇasena:

These two inscriptions refer to the reign of Lakshaṇasena, the last independent Hindu king of the Sena dynasty of Bengal, who was obliged to take refuge in the east on the approach of the army of Islam under Bakhtiyar Khalji. These inscriptions supply important information about the history of the Sena dynasty in Bengal and, if Dr. Bhattasali is to be believed, also some covert hints about the state of Bengal just after the Islamic invasion. At the top of each there is a seal bearing the figure of the god Sadāśiva, the patron deity of the Sena dynasty, with the name of the king below.

11. Copperplate inscription of Vijaya Mānikya, king of Tripurā:

This inscription records the grant of a village as *Brahmottara* by the Queen of Vijaya Mānikya to her preceptor. It is dated in the year 1410 of the Śaka era, i.e. 1488 A.D.

PRINTED BOOKS

The earliest print in the Society's Library goes back to the closing years of the 15th century A.D., i.e. very near to the date of the establishment of printing presses in different countries of Europe,

1. Firmicus (J). Julii Firmici Astronomicorum libri octo integri ... Venice. 1499.

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2. Kitab-al-Qanum (in Arabic). Romæ, 1595.

The above two are just illustrative of the Society's collection of old publications and a few of Indian interest are being exhibited.

A. *Some old and rare Prints of Indian Interest.*

1. Purchas (S). — Purchas: his pilgrimage. London, 1614.
2. Marci Pauli Venetii. De Regionibus Orientalibus ... Haithoni Armeni. Historia Orientalis ... Coloniae Brandenburgicae, 1671.
3. Valentyn (F). — Oud en Nieuw Oost-Indien vervattende een Naaukeurige en Uitvoerge Verhandelinge van Nederlands Mogentheyd in the gewesten. (5 Dl.) Dordrecht, 1724-26.
4. Renandot (E). — Ancient account of India and China by two Mohammedan travellers who went to those parts in the 9th century ; tr. from the Arabic. London, 1733.
5. Manoel da Assumpcão. Crepar Xaxtrer orth-bhed. Cathecismo de doutrina Christãa. (In Bengali and Portuguese). Lisbon, 1734.
6. D'Anuville (M). — Antiquite geographique de L'Inde ... Paris, 1775.
7. Bhagavat-Geeta; tr. by C. Wilkins. London, 1785.
8. Bailly (M). Traitede L'astronomie Indienne et Orientale. Paris, 1787.
9. Pennant (T). -- Indian Zoology. 2nd ed. London, 1790.
10. Bartholmæ (Paulinus), Systema Brahmanicum. Romæ, 1791.
11. Jones (W). — Complete works (6 vols.). London, 1799.

B. *Books Printed in India.*

1. Halhed (NB), Grammar of the Bengali language, Hooghli, 1778.
2. Malabar and English Dictonary, Madras, 1779.
3. Rasamanjari (In Sanskrit). Banaras, 1791.
4. Ram Ram Bose. Lipimala. (In Bengali). Serampore, 1802.
5. The Rāmāyana (3 vols.). (In Bengali), Serampore, 1803.
6. Hitopadesa ed. by H. T. Colebrooke (In Sanskrit). Serampore, 1804.
7. Colebrooke (HT). Grammar of the Sanskrit language (Vol. 1). Serampore, 1805.

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8. Carey (W). Grammar of the Sungskrit language. Serampore, 1806.

9. Carey (W) and Marshman (J). The Rāmāyana (3 vols). Serampore, 1806-10.

10. Marshman (J). Works of Confucius (Vol. 1). Serampore, 1809.

11. Carey (W). Dictionary of the Mahratta language. Serampore, 1810.

12. Manu-saṁhita. (In Sanskrit). Calcutta, 1813. (Without title page).

13. Ainslie (W). Materia Medica of Hindoostan and artisan's and agriculturist's nomenclature. Madras, 1813.

14. Carey (W). Dictionary of the Bengalee language. (3 vols.). 2nd ed. Serampore, 1825.

15. Rammohan Ray. Bengalee Grammar in the English language, Calcutta, 1826.

16. Csoma de Koros (A). Grammar of the Tibetan language. Calcutta, 1834.

17. Mack (J). Principles of Chemistry (In Bengali). Serampore, 1834.

C. *A few of the rare items in the Library for a study of the history of the growth of the British Power in India.*

1. Anderson, (RP). History of the Reign of Bahadur Shah being an English translation of Tarikh-i-Bahadur Shahi. Calcutta, 1860. (Cuttings from the Englishman, 1860).

2. The Complete History of Thamas Kuli Khan (at present called Schah Nadir), Sovereign of Persia. London, 1742.

3. Polier (AL). Delhi Empire and Court of Shah Alum II. (Manuscript). Delhi 1779.

4. Francklin (W). History of the Reign of Shah-Alum. London, 1798.

5. Charter granted by Queen Elizabeth to the E.I. Company, from 1601, also the Treaties and Grants: made with, or obtained from, the Prince's and Powers in India from the year 1756 to 1772. (2 Vols.). London, 1775.

6. Baldeus (P). A description of East India coasts of Malabar and Cormandel with their adjacent kingdoms and provinces, and of the empire of Ceylon and of the idolatry of the Pagans in the East Indies. London, 1703.

7. Ovington, (J). Voyage to Suratt in the year, 1689. London, 1696.

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8. Memoire pour le Sieur Dupleix. Contre la Compagine des Indes avec les pieces Justificatives. Paris, 1759.

9. Reponse lu Sieur Duplieux a la Lettre du Sieur Codeheu. Paris, 1763.

10. Memoire pour le Comte de Lally. Paris, 1766.

11. Holwell, (JZ). Interesting Historical Events relative to the Provinces of Bengal and the Empire of Indostan. London, 1766.

12. Holwell, (JZ). India Tracts. London, 1774.

13. Watts (W). Memoirs of the revolution in Bengal, 1757. London, 1760.

14. Baber (E). Short review of the British Government in India and of the state of the country before the company acquired the grant of the Dewanny. London, 1790.

15. Vansittart (H). Narrative of the Transactions in Bengal from the year 1760 to the year 1764. (3 vols.). London, 1766.

16. Verelst (H). View of the Rise, Progress, and Present State of the English Government in Bengal. London, 1772.

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18. Five Letters from a free merchant in Bengal to Warren Hastings, Esq., Governor-General of the Honorable East India Company's Settlements in Asia; conveying some free thoughts on the probable Causes of the Decline of the Export Trade of that Kingdom, and a Rough Sketch, or Outlines of a Plan for restoring it to its former Splendour. Reprint, London, 1783.

19. Hastings (Warren). Narrative of the Insurrection which happened in the Zemeedary of Benaris in the month of August 1781, and of the Transactions of the Governor-General in that district with an Appendix of Authentic Papers and Affidavits. Reprint, Roorkee, 1859.

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21. Series of facts shewing the present political state of India, as far as concerns the powers at war, and the probable consequences of a general pacification in Europe, before we shall have decided our contests in the Carnatic addressed (for Form Sake) to the Earl of Shelburne. London, 1783.

22. Letter to Edmund Burke, Esq, on the latter part of the late Report of the Select committee on the state of Justice in Bengal. London, 1782.

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23. Debates of the House of Lords, on the Evidence delivered in the Trial of Warren Hastings, Esquire. London, 1796.

24. The speech of R.P. Sheridan, Esq., Member for Stafford, on Wednesday, the 7th of Feb., 1787, in bringing forward the fourth charge against W. Hastings, Esq., relative to the Begums of Oude. 2nd. ed. London, 1787.

25. Broome (R). An examination of the expediency of continuing the present impeachment. London. 1791.

26. History of Trial of Warren Hastings, Esq., Late Governor-General of Bengal, before the High Court of Parliament in Westminister Hall. London, 1796.

27. Fullarton (W). View of the English Interests in India, and an account of Military Operations in the southern parts of the Peninsula, during the campaigns of 1782, 1783 and 1784. London, 1787.

28. Memorirs of the lare war in Asia with a narrative of the imprisonment and sufferings of our officers and soldiers; by an officer of Col. Baillie's Detachment. (2 vols.). London, 1788.

29. Short History of the E.I. Company, and of their trade to India and China. Second edition. London, 1793.

30. Orme (R). History of the military transactions of the British nation in Indostan (3rd. ed.). London, 1780. (2 Vols.).

31. Bruce (J). Historical view of plans for the Government of British India ... London, 1793.

32. Hodges (W). Travels in India during 1780-83. London, 1794.

33. Proceedings of the Agents appointed by the Officers of the East India Company's Armies, on the establishments of Bengal and Madras, for the purpose of obtaining a redress of the grievances peculiar to that service. 1795.

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35. Mills (W). History of Hydur Naik. London, 1843.

36. Authentic memoirs of Tippoo Sultaun including his cruel treatment of English Prisoners ... with a preliminary sketch of the life and character of Hyder Ally Cawn. By an Officer in the East India Service. Calcutta, 1820.

37. British India Analyzed. The Provincial and Revenue Establishments of Tipoo Sultaun and of Mohomedan and British Conquerors of Hindostan (3 parts). London, 1795.

38. Dirom (Major). Narrative of the Campaign in India, which terminated the war with Tippoo Sultaun, in 1792. London, 1793.

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39. Salmond (J). Review of the Origin, Progress, and Result of the Decisive War with the Late Tippoo Sultaun, in Mysore. London, 1800.

40. Wilks (M). Historical sketches of the South India in an attempt to trace the history of Mysore. (2 vols.), London, 1810.

41. Roebuck (T). Annals of the college of Fort William ... Compiled from Official Records. Calcutta, 1819.

42. Blacker (V). Memoir of the operations of the British Army in India, during the Mahratta War of 1817-1819. London, 1821.

43. Hislop (T). Summary of the Mahratta and Pindarree campaign during 1817-1819. London, 1820.

44. Malcolm (J). Report on the Province of Malwa. Calcutta, 1822.

45. Malcolm (J). Memoirs of Central India. (2 vols). London, 1823.

46. Outram (J). Rough notes of the compaign in Sinde and Afghanistan in 1838-39. London, 1840.

47. Mead (H). The Sepoy Revolt: its causes and its consequences. London, 1857.

48. Malleson (GB). History of the Indian Munity, 1857-1858. (2 Vols). London,1878.

49. Kaye (JW). — A history of the Sepoy War in India. 1857-1858. 5th ed. (2 Vols.). London, 1870.

50. Dow (A). History of Hindostan, translated from the Persian. Rev. ed. (3 Vols.). London, 1803.

D. *Society's Journal.*

Sir William Jones, the Founder of the Society, contemplated the publication of a volume of 'Asiatick Miscellany' every year, but no attempt was made to get out such a periodical during the first three years of the Society's career. The Society having no funds of its own at the time, Mr. Manuel Cantopher of the Hon. East India Company's Printing Office undertook such a publication, as a private speculation, and the first volume was brought out in 1788 under the name 'Asiatick Researches,' instead of what the Founder had originally suggested. By 1797 five volumes came out and the work created such a sensation in the literary world that editions of it were brought out in different countries of Europe. Looking to the rapid and profitable sale which the first five volumes met with the idea was taken up by the Society in 1798 to bring out the 'Researches' on its own account. This publication ceased after the 20th volume in 1839 and the Society formally dropped it in 1842.

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The form of the 'Asiatick Researches' was not suitable for short notes on new and important discoveries and ideas which were necessarily left out, however interesting these notes might be. For a time these found place in the 'Quarterly Oriental Journal', which Dr. Wilson started in 1821, and in the 'Transactions of the Medical and Physical Society.' Both the publications were, however, dropped in 1827.

A substitute for these was provided in 1829 by J.D. Herbert in a monthly publication, which he started under the name of 'Gleanings in Science'. The Society benefitted by this publication so far that a precis of its monthly Proceedings, which had heretofore been preserved in MSS, was regularly published in this Journal.

In 1830 when J. D. Herbert left Calcutta, James Prinsep, instead of dropping the publication, proposed to change its name and call it 'The Journal of the Asiatic Society'. The sanction was given in March 1832, and the first issue of the Journal appeared under the caption of 'Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal'.

This Journal superseded the 'Researehes'. In 1842 the 'Researches' was finally dropped and the 'Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal' was officially taken over by the Society. From 1832 to date the Journal has been covered by three series.

The following, relative to history of the Society's Journal, are exhibited:

1. Asiatick Researches, Vol. I, 1788. and Index.
2. Transactions of the Medical and Physical Society, Vol. 1, 1825.
3. Gleanings in Science, Vol. I, 1829.
4. Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal (First Series), 1832.
5. Journal and Proceedings of the Asiatic Society of Bengal (Second Series), 1905.
6. Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal (Third Series), 1935.
7. Manuscript Proceedings, 1784-1800.
8. Proceedings (Printed — 1st Vol.), 1865.

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ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY OF BENGAL

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1949

The Council of the Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal have the honour to submit the following report about the Society's affairs and activities during the year ending 31st December, 1949.

Patrons

H.E. Dr. C. Rajagopalachari, B.L., LL.D., Governor-General of India and H.E. Dr. K. N. Katju, M.A., LL.D., Governor of West Bengal, continued to be the Patrons of the Society as in the last year.

Distinguished Visitors

The members of the Indian Universities Commission paid a visit to the Society and held discussions with the President and the other members of the Council. The Hon'ble Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Minister for Education, Government of India, visited the Society and showed keen appreciation of the Manuscript Section of the Library and of the cultural activities.

Social Function

The President of the Society was At Home to the members of the Art Conference which was sponsored by the Central Government and held at Calcutta in September 1949. His Excellency Dr. K. N. Katju, M.A., LL.D., Governor of West Bengal and well-known artist-delegates from various provinces of India graced the occasion by their presence.

Honorary Fellows

The number of Honorary Fellows remained 14 as before. There was no new election to Honorary Fellowship during the year 1949.

Ordinary Fellows

At the Annual Meeting held on the 7th of February, 1949, Dr. Niranjan Prasad Chakravartty, O.B.E., M.A., Ph.D. (Cantab), Director-General, Archæological Survey of India, was elected as an Ordinary Fellow. The number of Ordinary Fellows at the close of the year 1949 was therefore 41 as one ordinary fellow died and another resigned during the year.

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Special Anniversary Honorary Members

There was no change in the personnel of such membership, the number on the roll remaining 10 as before.

Institutional Members

The Council approved of the election of the Delhi University Library and the United Provinces Legislative Assembly Library as Institutional Members, thus bringing up the total of such membership to 21.

Associate Members

The number of such members remained 10 as during the year 1948.

Ordinary Members

Gains		*Losses*	
Elections carried foward ...	5	Lapses of Election ...	11
		Deaths	6
New Elections	96	Resignations	44
		Removal under Rule 38 ...	7
		Removal under Rule 40 ...	24
	101		92

Initial total 1020, gain 9; final total 1029.

New elections during 1949 came up to 96 as against 60 of the last year.

Deaths

The following deaths occurred during the year :—

16- 2-49—Lt. Col. David McKay (Ordinary Fellow).
21- 4-49—Captain N. N. Dutt.
21- 4-49—J. W. Thomson.
21- 4-49—Lt. Col. William Vost.
19- 9-49—Tara Kumar Sen.
14 12-49—J. C. Das,

By the death of Lt. Col. David McKay, the medical profession lost a good physician, and this Society, an Ordinary Fellow, elected as early as 1913. West Bengal, if not India, lost a pioneer worker in the pharmaceutical industry of the country and a successful businessman in the death of Capt. N. N. Dutt. In Sri J. C. Das, West Bengal lost one of the leading and well-known Bengali bankers of the province.

Membership Statistics

In Appendix I is given the statistical account of the membership strength for the last 50 years. The total number of members at the

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close of the year stands the highest within the last 50 years though there were as many as 92 losses during the year. It will be seen in the table that there was no decline in the membership roll of the Society though a fall was anticipated and the chances are still there.

Council

The Council met 11 times during the year. The attendance averaged 12 as against 9 of last year.

Dr. K. N. Bagchi, the General Secretary of the Society resigned his office in October, 1949 and Dr. Nihar-ranjan Ray, the Library Secretary, was appointed as the officiating General Secretary in his place. Dr. K. P. Biswas, an ordinary member of the Council was appointed as the Library Secretary *vice* Dr. Nihar-ranjan Ray and Dr. J. N. Banerjea was elected an Ordinary Member of the Council *vice* Dr. K. P. Biswas, appointed as Library Secretary. There was no other change in the personnel of the Council.

Views of the Society regarding the questionnaire issued by the Universities Commission for communication to the Commission, election of Dr. Niranjan Prasad Chakravartty as an Ordinary Fellow, award of the Durgaprosad Khaitan Medal to Sir J. C. Ghose D.Sc., F.N.I. and appointment of Sri Sunil Kumar Roy, M.A. and Sri Rajendra Chandra Kar, M.A. as temporary Technical Assistants in the Library, were all approved by the Council held on 18-1-49.

In the February meeting of the Council held on 16-2-49 various Committees as shown in Appendix III were formed.

In the March meeting (21-3-49) the Council approved the appointment of Sri Sarasi Kumar Saraswati, M.A., as a whole-time Librarian on probation for six months on an initial salary of Rs. 400/-with the usual D.A. in the grade of Rs. 300—25—600/-with effect from 5-4-49 and the Scientific Advisory Committee was enlarged by the co-option of seven more members.

In the April meeting the Council sanctioned an estimated expenditure of about Rs. 3, 521/- to meet the costs of emergent repair work of the exterior of the building and out-houses. Dr. R. C. Majumdar was nominated to act as a member of the Selection Committee for selecting a Reader in the Department of Geography of the University of Calcutta. It was also decided to print the list of additions to the Library in the notices for the Ordinary Monthly Meetings.

In May (12-5-49) the Council approved of the appointment of Prof. J. M. Sen as officiating Treasurer *vice* Dr. S. C. Law, granted leave from 12-5-49 to 15-6-49.

In June (21-6-49) the Council sanctioned an extra allotment of Rs. 4,725/- from the last year's unspent balance for the purchase of books for the Library, and selected Sir J. C. Ghosh to represent the Society, at the United Nations Scientific Conference at Lake Success and formed a Sub-Committee for drafting the revised Rules and Regulations of the Society.

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The Council at its meeting held in July (13-7-49) confirmed the following appointments:—

(1) Sri Rakhahari Chatterjee, M.A., B.L., as Superintendent.

(2) Sri R. N. Banerjee, B.L., as an Assistant in the General Office.

(3) Sri Sibdas Chaudhuri, B.A. as Deputy Librarian.

(4) Mr. J. G. Steele as the Steno-typist.

(5) Sri S. N. Banerjee as an Assistant in the General Office.

A Special Committee was also formed to scrutinise the papers which were meant for publication as a book entitled "Science and Post-War Development in India". The Council further approved of the appointment of Prof. J. M. Sen as officiating Treasurer *vice* Dr. S. C. Law, granted leave from 16-6-49 to 4-7-49.

In August (22-8-49) the Council appointed a Special Committee to suggest steps for the commencement of a New Building, and framed Regulations for the guidance of the Research Fellows of the Society. It also nominated Dr. A. C. Ukil, Dr. K. N. Bagchi, Dr. Meghnad Saha, Dr. K. P. Biswas and Prof. J. M. Sen to represent the Society as delegates at the Indian Science Congress Session at Poona and confirmed the appointment of Sri S. K. Saraswati, M.A., substantively as Librarian with effect from 1-10-49, sanctioned an allotment of Rs. 3,000/- out of the closing balance of the last year for the typing of Card Catalogues for the Library, and appointed Dr. J. L. Bhaduri to officiate as Treasurer *vice* Dr. S. C. Law on leave from 20-9.49 to 15-11-49. Further, Dr. R. C. Majumdar was nominated to serve as the representative of the Society on the Committees formed by the University of Calcutta for the election of the Kamala Lecturer and for the award of the Sarojini Basu Medal for the year 1949.

The Council at its meeting held in September (19-9-49) selected Sri Bhavatosh Bhattacharyya, M.A., as the Sir William Jones Research Fellow, Sri Biswanath Banerjee, M.A. as the Raja Rajendralal Mitra Research Fellow and Janab S. M. Imamuddin, M.A. as the R. G. Casey Research Fellow for one year with effect from 1-10-49 and formed the Advisory Boards for the award of the Medals, as shown in the Appendix.

In November (16-11-49) the Council considered the question of deletion of the word "Royal" and of renaming the Society; it also decided to refer the matter to all the members under Rule 64(c) and approved the necessary voting paper to be issued in this connection. It further nominated Dr. S. K. Mitra and Dr. J. L. Bhaduri to represent the Society as an Additional Vice-President and Additional Member respectively for the year 1950 on the Council of the National Institute of Sciences of India; and constituted the Peace and Culture Medal Committee with the following members: (1) President, (2) General Secretary, (3) Treasurer, (4) Dr. K. P. Biswas and (5) Dr. W. G. Griffiths. It also approved the following appointments:

(1) Sri Manoj Kumar Ghosh temporarily for 2 months with effect from 21-11-49 as an Assistant.

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(2) Sri Bireswar Banerjee temporarily as an Assistant.

(3) Sri Amar Nath Bhattacharyya temporarily upto 31-12-49 with effect from 8-10-49 as a Typist.

The Council at its meeting held in December (14-12-49) decided to send up the names of the following Indian experts who may be invited to participate in the conference to be organised by the UNESCO for investigation into the problems of the Social Sciences: (1) Sir J. C. Ghosh, (2) Prof. M. N. Saha, (3) Dr. B. C. Guha, (4) Dr. B. S. Guha, (5) Dr. A. C. Ukil, (6) Dr. K. P. Biswas, (7) Prof. K. P. Chattopadhyaya and (8) Prof. J. M. Sen. Decided that in future, abstracts of all papers not exceeding half a page are to be published in the Journal along with the papers. It appointed Sri Pulin Bihari Chakravartti, M.A., Saṁkhyatīrtha, Vykaranatīrtha as Curator of Sanskrit Mss. Approved of the recommendations of the Medal Advisory Boards. Decided to award (1) P. N. Bose Memorial Medal to Dr. W. D. West, (2) Dr. B. C. Law Gold Medal to Dr. U. N. Ghosal, (3) Sir Jadunath Sarkar Gold Medal to Dr. Hari Ram Gupta and (4) Barclay Memorial Medal to Dr. K. V. Krishnan. It also decided that Prof. L Sukul and Mr. Bhuramal Agrawal, B.A., B.L., would represent the Society in the Reception Committee of the All-India Hindi Sahitya Sammilan, and that Dr. Nihar-ranjan Ray would represent the Society in the Indian Council for Cultural Relations. The Council considered the composition of the Council for 1950 informally.

Committees of the Council

The Standing Committees of the Council, viz., the Finance, the Publication, the Bibliotheca Indica and the Library Committees met regularly. The Scientific Advisory Committee met on the first Tuesday of every month except during the recess month of October. Most of the meetings were very well-attended. They discussed many a problem which is of considerable scientific value and importance to the State.

The Cultural Advisory Committee with its two Sectional Sub-Committees met thrice.

Lists of Members of the Council, Committees, Sectional Sub-Committees and Special Committees are given in Appendix III.

Office

During the year under review the office of the General Secretary was held by Dr. K. N. Bagchi up to 7-10-49 when he resigned. On occasions he was away from Calcutta for short periods when Dr. N. Dutt and Dr. Nihir-ranjan Ray respectively officiated for him. The Council accepted the resignation of Dr. K. N. Bagchi and recorded with appreciation the valuable services rendered by him during the tenure of his office as the General Secretary. The Council also appointed Dr. Nihar-ranjan Ray to act in his place as the General Secretary for the rest of the year.

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Rules and Regulations

The question of revision of the Rules and Regulations of the Society had been engaging the particular attention of the past Council. The revision of the rules and regulations, however, could not be completed during the year. Steps are being taken, however, to do it as early as possible. Regulations for the guidance of the Research Fellows of the Society were adopted.

Representations

(1) Indian National Commission for UNESCO—The Society's representative was the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rama Prosad Mookerjee.

(2) Indian Museum—The Society's representative on the Board of Trustees of the Indian Museum, under the Indian Museum Act X of 1910, was Mr. K. P. Khaitan as in last year.

(3) The Society's representatives on the Council of the National Institute of Scinces of India were Dr. W. D. West and Dr. B. S. Guha as additional Vice-President and Member respectively.

(4) Indian Historical Records Commission—The Society's representative to serve on the Commission was Mr. Mohibbul Hasan Khan. He way appointed for a period of five years with effect from May, 1947.

Awards

P. N. Bose Memorial Medal—The triennial award of his medal for conspicuously important contributions to the study of Geology with special reference to Asia was due in 1949 and the award will be made to the chosen recipient, Dr. W. D. West, at theAnnual General Meeting in February, 1950.

Dr. B. C. Law Gold Medal—The chosen recipient for the medal for important contributions to the Ancient History of India is Dr. U. N. Ghoshal and the award will be made to him at the Annual General Meeting in February, 1950.

Sir Jadunath Sarkar Gold Medal—For conspicuously important contributions to History, Dr. Hari Ram Gupta has been selected as the recipient for the medal and the medal will be awarded at the Annual General Meeting in February, 1950.

Barclay Memorial Medal—The award of this medal is due in 1949 and as per recommendation of the medal Advisory Committee, the Council decided to award the medal to Dr. K. V. Krishnan for his conspicuously outstanding contributions to Medical Science with special reference to India. The award will be made at the Annual General Meeting in February, 1950.

Sarat Chandra Roy Medal—The award of this medal too is due in 1949 and as per recommendation of the Medal Advisory Committee the

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Council decided to award the medal to Dr. O. R. Ehrenfels of the Department of Anthropology, University of Madras for his valuable monograph, viz: "Mother-Right in India" (1941) on a new aspect of the Cultural Anthropology of India in the English language and numerous papers on ethnology published during the last few years.

Elliot Prize—In accordance with the decision of the trustees administering the Elliot Prize Fund the Council approved of the recommendation of the expert about awarding the prize for the year 1949 to Dr. R. N. Chakravartty, D.Sc., F.R.I.C. for his essay incorporating the results on original research on some alicyclic compounds and on the chemistry of Strychnine and Brucine.

Library

Cataloguing :—With the idea of placing the rich and valuable resources of the Society's Library before scholars a scheme of classification and cataloguing of printed books in the General Section on modern scientific lines had been initiated in 1943, but after some progress it remained in abeyance for the last few years. This year again the work was resumed and two Cataloguers were appointed for cataloguing the entire stock in card form. During the year under report 4629 volumes were catalogued on these lines. Previously, about 18,000 volumes were catalogued in sheaf form and it has been decided also to transfer them in card, a work which has been delayed and is expected to be taken up early next year.

In the Sanskritic section the preparation of a Descriptive Catalogue of the Indian Museum Collection of manuscripts, which commenced in 1947, was steadily carried on. Philosophy and Grammar volumes of this Catalogue have been completed. It was decided to include in this Catalogue also the manuscripts belonging to the Society's Collection and cataloguing of Society's manuscripts on these two sections have been taken in hand. The total number of manuscripts catalogued during the year is 1300. With a view to simplifying the process and thereby expediting the work definite rules and procedure have been drawn up during the year. But due to lack of funds the Society has been obliged to reduce the staff for doing this work from two to one with effect from the next year. The cataloguing of printed books in the Sanskritic section, begun in 1947, was also pursued, the total number of volumes catalogued during the year being 3105. It is expected that the work of cataloguing of printed books in this section will be completed by the next year.

In the Islamic section we have a little over 1,800 manuscripts that remain to be catalogued and arrangements have been made to take up this work early next year. The want of a proper Catalogue of printed books in this section is also strongly felt and steps should be taken to remove this want as early as possible.

Accessions :—Exclusive of Periodicals the total number of accessions in the Library during the year was 1296 volumes against 770 of 1948. Of these, 370 volumes were purchased and 926 received as presentations or by exchange. The total amount spent on purchase

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of books, including subscription of Periodicals, was Rs. 8,753/15/-, an amount far in excess of the last year's expenditure under this head. This was necessitated by several heavy orders pending since the last year.

During the year a special attention was paid to the collection of manuscripts and near about 500 individual copies were added to the Sanskritic section, either as gifts or by purchase. Of these, 144 were purchased and this lot contains many rare and old copies. Sri M. B. Das, who worked in the Library for sometime during the year as a collector of manuscripts, brought down three lots of manuscripts from Bhatpara (24-Parganas), presented respectively by Sri Satyananda Bhattacharya, Sri Bangajyoti Bandhopadhyaya and Pandit Kantichandra Smrititirtha. Pandit Pulin Bihari Chakravarti, Society's Cataloguer of Sanskrit manuscripts, also collected three manuscripts of old Bengali texts, of which one appears to be very rare. Negotiations for purchase of a few Arabic and Persian manuscripts had also started during the year under report.

B. C. Law Collection :—This Collection, which owes its inception to the generosity of Dr. B. C. Law, had also some accessions during the year, all received with grateful thanks as gifts from the donor to the Society's Library.

R. P. Chanda Collection :—Sri Ranjit Prasad Chanda and his brothers, sons of the late Rai Bahadur Rama Prasad Chanda, an Ordinary Fellow of the Society, offered to make over their father's collection of books to the Society's Library. The offer was gratefully accepted and 641 volumes of this Collections, consisting of rare books on archæology, anthropology, etc., will form a valuable adjunct to the Society's Library. The sincere thanks of the Society are due to Sri Ranjit Prasad Chanda and his brothers for making this important collection available for use by scholars and advanced research workers.

Copper-plate inscriptions :—Three new copper-plate inscriptions were added to the Society's collection due to the efforts and enthusiasm of Sri Pulin Bihari Chakravartti. Of these two are unpublished. The first in characters of about the 11th century A.D. records a grant of land and was issued by Bhavadeva, son of the illustrious king Ānandadeva from the royal camp situated at Devaparvata. This plate brings to light the existence of a new dynasty of king in Eastern Bengal during the period of the later Pālas. The second refers to the reign of Vijaya Mānikya, king of Tripurā and is dated in Saka 1410, i.e. 1488 A.D. It records the grant of a village as Brahmottara by the queen of Vijaya Mānikya to her preceptor. The third of about the 7th century A.D. belongs to the reign of Śrīdhāraṇa Rāta and has been published a few years back in the Indian Historical Quarterly and the Sahitya Parishat Patrikā.

Coins :—Sri Sunil Chandra Ray, James Prinsep Fellow in Epigraphy and Numismatics, prepared during the year a classified Catalogue (descriptive) of the pre-Muslim coins of the Society's cabinet and the classification of the Muslim coins is also nearly complete. It has been decided to print a classified list of the pre-Muslim coins and circulate it

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to museums and private collectors with a view to obtain exchanges and thus replenish the gaps.

Accession Lists :—A new and helpful feature introduced this year is the issue of regular classified lists, month by month, of new accessions in the Library.

Exchanges :—During the year fourteen new serials were approved for exchange. They represent publications on different branches of arts and sciences by institutions in different parts of the world.

During the year under report special attention was given to the resumption of exchanges, long held up, and we have been trying to re-establish the list on its pre-war level by mutual negotiations and reciprocal supplies as far as available.

Five new Periodicals had been added to the Library during the year under report by subscription.

Photostats and *Micro-films* :—Photostatic copies of several rare and unique manuscripts in outside libraries were also acquired for the Society's Library during the year under report. They are—1. a rare manuscript of *Haft Iqlīm* from the British Museum Library; 2. a unique manuscript of *Sucharita Mimaṁsā* by Vidyanivasa Bhattacharya from the Oriental Institute, Baroda; and 3. a unique manuscript of *Nyāyatattva-cintāmaṇi-prabhā* by Yajñapati Upādhyāya, the earliest known commentary on the classic work of Gangesa, from the Bibliotheque Nationale, Paris. Maharajkumar Dr. Raghuvir Singh of Sitamau presented micro-film copies of two manuscripts in the Society's Library (*Jang-nāmā* and *Ta'rīkh-i-Fath-i-Kāngra*) which were lent to him for purposes of micro-filming. Raja Ganda Singh of Parone also presented photographs of several old records in his possession.

The Society's thanks are due to the institutions and individuals who kindly made them available to the Society's Library.

Micro-film services :—With the help of the technician of the Indian Statistical Institute the Library met a number of requests for micro-film copies of manuscripts and other materials in its possession. Such requests come from Institutions as well as from individuals. For supply of micro-films about 1,200 exposures were made during the year, apart from a big requisition from the East Punjab University for about 400 rotograph copies of inscriptions from rare publications in the Society's Library. A part of the latter had already been executed; but the remaining had been held up due to scarcity of good quality of paper. The requisition for such services is gradually increasing and the Society should consider the practicability of opening a micro-film section, not only to meet such requisitions but also to have copies prepared of its own invaluable treasures.

Utilisation of the Library—During the year under report 1360 printed volumes were lent out against 705 volumes in the last year. Since the new arrangement of the Reading Room there was also a distinct rise in the number of readers, the total number for the year being 2472, i.e. a daily average of 8. Already there is felt a shortage of space in the Reading Room and larger accommodation and better facilities in the

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shape of individual desk for each reader, etc., are urgently called for. The total number of printed volumes used in the Reading Room during the year was 22983 i.e. an average of 77 daily.

22 manuscripts were lent out during the year against 13 of 1948. Manuscripts used in the Reading Room totalled 4,118 i.e., an average of 14 daily.

Bibliographical services :—The Society's Library had been on frequent demand for bibliographical services on different branches of humanistic and scientific studies. Apart from enquiries by readers and research workers such requests came from the French Embassy, the Central and the Provincial Governments, Institutions and also from private individuals. The number of such major services rendered during the year was nearly 10.

Sri S. Chaudhuri, the Deputy Librarian, prepared a *Bibliography of Buddhism*, which is under publication and another on Tibet which is in progress.

Exhibition:—One exhibition, illustrative of the rich resources of the Library for purposes of advanced studies and research, was organised during the year on the occasion of the President's tea to the members and delegates of the Art Conference.

Detailed communications regarding rare and valuable manuscripts in the different collections of the Library were also made at the monthly meetings. Sri Pulin Bihari Chakravarti, Cataloguer of Sankrit manuscripts, discussed in detail three very rare manuscripts of the Society's Library. Sri S. K. Saraswati, the Librarian, initiated a series of communications dealing with the value of manuscript materials in the Society's Library for a study of the development of the Bengali script. The Society decided to bring out a monograph on the development of the Bengali script based on these materials. Dr. J. N. Banerjea also made a communication on some forgeries of Kushana coins in the Society's cabinet.

Invited by the Local Committee the Librarian of the Society delivered an illustrated lecture on Orissa temples at the twelfth session of the Indian History Congress at Cuttack, which he attended as one of the delegates of the Society.

Preservation :—The preservation of rare and valuable materials in the Library, many of them in old and decayed state, is a pressing problem which has been engaging the attention of the Society for the past few years. A modest scheme of preservation had been initiated and measures for sterilisation, fumigation and lamination had been undertaken. Two fumigation chambers being considered insufficient to meet the needs of the Library, the Society approached the Government of India, Ministry of Education for two wooden fumigators which would be discarded by the National Archives after the installation of vacuum fumigation and the Government of India has kindly agreed to transfer two such fumigators to the Society. With the arrival of these two, which are expected early next year, progress in this direction is expected to be satisfactory. During the year the Library has introduced a new method of sterilisation by chemically impregnated insecticidal paper.

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Lamination work has, however, been handicapped on account of scarcity of good quality of laminating paper and the Government of India had been approached to include the name of the Society in the list of approved institutions entitled to draw such stationeries from the Government Stationery Office.

Books and manuscripts bound during the year numbered 423 against 98 of 1948. In view of a large number of old and rare books requiring special binding the budget under this head for the next year has been augmented, but the needs of the Library, are such as would require similar amounts for several successive years to complete the work.

A separate bindery for the Society's Library has been a long-felt necessity, but the proposal had to be postponed year after year for want of funds. This year the Government of India, Ministry of Education, kindly sanctioned a non-recurring grant of Rs. 7,300/- for the mending section and it is proposed to instal a small bindery with mending section out of this grant.

Research Fellowships :—Four Research Fellows, appointed out of the Fellowship grant from Government of W. Bengal are working in the Library. Of these the work of James Prinsep Fellow in Epigraphy and Numismatics has already been reported under the head of coins. Sri Bhavatosh Bhattacharya, Sir William Jones Research Fellow, has been working on *Raghunandana's Indebtedness to his Predecessors* under the supervision of the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rama Prasad Mookerjee. Sri Biswanath Bandyopadhyaya, Raja Rajendra Lala Mitra Researrh Fellow, is engaged in editing the text of *Laghukālacakra-tīkā* from an old manuscript in the Society's Library under the supervision of Dr. N. Dutt. Janab S. M. Imamuddin, R. G. Casey Research Fellow, is editing the text and preparing the English translation of *Tarikh-i-Khan-i Jahani-wa-makhzan-i-Afghani* under the supervision of Prof. M. Z. Siddiqi.

Permanent Library Endowment Fund :—The total amount now to the credit of this fund is Rs. 20,975-15-8.

Publications

Journal and Year Book.—The following issues were published during the year :—

(1) Journal Vol. XV, 1949, Science, Nos. 1 & 2.

(2) „ „, XV, 1949, Letters, No. 1 & 2.

(3) Year Book for 1947, Vol. XIV, 1948.

(4) „ „ for 1948, Vol. XV, 1949.

Books Published

Ain-i-Akbari of Abul Fazi- Allami, Vol. II (Translated into English by Colonel H. S. Jarret) revised and further annotated by Sir Jadunath Sarkar, has been published. It has been priced at Rs. 25/- per copy.

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Blue Annals by G. N. Roerich Vol. I has been published in the Monograph Series. It has been priced at Rs. 20/- per copy. Vol. II is in the press and is expected to be out by the end of 1950.

Nāṭyaśāstra Part I (Ch. I-XXVII, XXXIV XXXVI) edited by Dr. Manomohan Ghosh, has been published in the *Bibliotheca Indica* Series.

Introducing India Part II has been printed.

Book in Press

1. *Saddharma Puṇḍarīka* editor Dr. N. Dutt.
2. *Inscriptions of Kambuja* by Dr. R. C. Majumdar (Monograph Series).
3. *Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit* Mss. Vol. XI (Philosophy) prepared by Mahāmahopādhāyay Haraprasad Śastrī and revised by Pt. N. C. Vedantatīrtha).
4. *Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit Mss* Vol. XIV. *Miscellaneous* prepared by M M. Haraprasād Śastri, revised by Prof. Chintaharan Chakravarti.
5. *Descriptive Catalogue of Arabic Mss.*, prepared and edited by Dr. M. Ishaque.
6. *Vidhānapārijāta* (4th Stavaka) edited by Pt. Iswar Ch. Sastri.
7. *The Original Correspondence of Sir Joseph Banks relating to the foundation of the Royal Botanic Garden, Calcutta and the Summary of the 150th Anniversary Volume of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Calcutta* by Dr. K. P. Biswas (Monograph Series).
8. *Ma'athir-ul-Umarā* Vol. II translated by Dr. B. Prasad.

Books under Preparation

1. *Kiraṇāvalī* edited by Pt. N. C. Vedantatirtha.
2. *Dānasāgara of Ballālasena* edited by Pt. Bhavatosh Bhattacharyya.
3. *Haft Iqlīm* edited by Dr. M. Ishaque.
4. *Rawjāt'ul Jannat* edited by Dr. M. Ishaque.
5. *Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit Mss.* Vol. XII, Jaina, prepared by MM. Haraprasad Sastri, and revised by Sri Ajit Ranjan Bhattacharjee.

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Sales of Publications

Steady sales of the Society's publications have been maintained. Figures of sale for the last 11 years are appended below :—

Year		*Amount* Rs.	As.	P.
1939	...	3,794	0	0
1940	...	7,931	0	0
1941	...	8,336	14	3
1942	...	3,638	0	0
1943	...	4,991	0	0
1944	...	14,320	0	0
1945	...	10,059	0	0
1946	...	9,262	0	0
1947	...	8,446	0	0
1948	...	20,543	0	0
1949		24,614	0	0

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Cultural Activities

32 Discussion Meetings and 27 Public Lectures were held during the year 1949 and the average attendance at the former was 15 members and 26 visitors, and at the latter 16 members and 34 visitors. Besides these 11 Monthly Meetings were held, the average attendance was 22 members and 3 visitors. Some of the discussion meetings and public lectures were very well attended.

The following papers were read in the Monthly Meetings :—

Mr. B. J. Hasrat—*Sirr-i-Akbar.*

Dr. H. J. J. Winter and W, 'Arafat—*Ibn al-Haitham on the Para boloidal Focussing Mirror.*

Mr. T. S. Nanjundiah—*Contributions to Affine Differential Geometry.*

Mr. B. B. Lal—*Chalcolithic Phase in South Indian Pre-History.*

Mr. H. E. Richardson—*Three Inscriptions of Tibet.*

Dr. R. C. Majumdar—*Identification of some Old Sites in Rājagriha.*

Mr. A. C. Roy—*Lecithin and Venom Hæmolysis.*

Dr. D. C. Sircar—*Two Tortoise-shell Inscriptions in the Dacca Museum.*

Mr. K. C. Panigrahi—*Date of Paraśurāmeśvara Temple at Bhuvaneśvara.*

Mr. D. C. Bhattacharya—*The Deśāvalīvivṛti and the Digvijayaprakāśa.*

Dr. H. J. J. Winter & W. 'Arafat—*A Discourse on the Concave Spherical Mirror by Ibn al Haitham.*

Professor Nilmadhav Sen—*Un-Pāninian Sandhi in the Rāmāyaṇa.*

Mr. Sunil Chandra Ray—*Some Novel Symbols on the Punch-marked Coins in the Cabinet of the R.A.S.B.*

Dr. R. C. Majumdar—*The Confluence of the Gaṅgā and the Yamunā.*

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Besides those noted above the following Discussion Meetings and Public Lectures were also held :—

Discussion Meetings

Date	*Opener*	*Subject*
6. 1.49	Dr. D. N. Banerjee	History of Medicine in India.
13. 1.49	Dr. Kaildas Nag	Indian Archæology of James Prinsep.
20. 1.49	Dr. E. A. R. Banerjee	*Khanār Bacan* with reference to modern Scientific Agriculture.
27. 1.49	Dr. K. P. Biswas	In the Woods and Temples of Burma.
10. 2.49	Dr. Benoy Ch. Sen	Progress in Economic Life in the Vedic Period.
17. 2.49	Dr. P. C. Bagchi	The Caves of Thousand Buddhas at Tun Luang.
24. 2.49	Dr. R. C. Majumdar	Bengalees as a Martial Race.
3. 3.49	Prof. P. B. Ghosh	Solution of the Problem of Building Materials and Houses.
10. 3.49	Dr. S. L. Hora	Fishery Resources of Western Bengal and their utilisation.
17. 3.49	Prof. M. N. Goswami	Shortage of Petrol in India.
24. 3.49	Sri O. C. Gangooly	Rajput Paintings.
31. 3.49	Mr. A. P. Benthall	Calcutta Trees.
7. 4.49	Mrs. Padmini Sengupta	Position of Women in Ancient India.
5. 5.49	Sri Basanta Kumar Chatterjee.	Vedic Civilisation.
19. 5.49	Kumar Prafulla Ch. Bhanj Deo.	Sanskrit, the Living Language of India (*in Sanskrit*).
26. 5.49	Sri P. Singh	The Problem of National Language.
7. 7.49	Dr. W. Pachow	Sino-Indian Cultural Contacts.
14. 7.49	Mr. A. K. Bhattacharyya	Alāuddin Firoz Shah III of Bengal.
21. 7.49	Dr. J. B. Chaudhuri	Sanskrit Language and Literature in the Middle Ages.
28. 7.49	Sri Sudhangsu Mohan Banerjee	A forgotten chapter of Indo-Tibetan Contact—the Story of an Indian Ambassador.
4. 8.49	Prof. Nirmal Kumar Bose	Evolution of North Indian Temples—a study in method.
11. 8.49	Dr. C. C. Das Gupta	The Buddhist Temple at Pāhārpur and its cognates.
8. 9.49	Dr. Bijanbehari Bhattacharyya	Telegraphy in Indian Languages (*in Bengali*).
15. 9.49	Sri J. N. Chakravarty	Food Problem and the Cultivator.
17.11.49	Mr. I. B. Chatterji	Agricultural Improvement in West Bengal.
24.11.49	Prof. Satyendra Nath Bose	Organisation of Scientific Education in Bengal (*in Bengali*).

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1.12.49	Mr. L. Elmhirst	Soil Erosion and River Valley Project.
15.12.49	Dr. Jatindra Bimal Chaudhuri	The history of the great national festival Durga Puja.
22.12.49	Dr. K. P. Biswas	Beautiful Flowers of Sikkim Himalayas.

General Lectures

29. 1.49	Dr. D. N. Banerjee	History of Medicine in India during the Vedic and Ayurvedic Periods.
31. 1.49	Dr. D. N. Banerjee	History of Medicine in India during the Buddhist Period.
1. 2.49	Srijukta Ragini Devi	Living Traditions of Indian Classical Dancing.
2. 2.49	Mr. Alain Danielou	Indian and Western Music.
4. 2.49	Dr. D. N. Banerjee	History of Medicine in India during the post-Buddhist Period.
5. 2.49	Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji.	Indo Mongoloids and Indian Culture. (*in Bengali*).
2. 3.49	Lt.-Col. K. K. Chatterjee.	Problems of Military Training in Modern Bengal.
5. 3.49	Sri S. Chakravorti	Rehabilitation of Manuscripts and Records.
16. 3.49	Dr. P. K. Sanyal	State Scholars of India.
23. 3.49	Dr. B. C. Guha	Damodar Valley Project.
5. 4.49	Swami Nikhilananda	*Karmayoga* in the Bhagavat Gītā.
19. 4.49	Miss Vasana Sen	Spiritualism in the Vedas. (*in Bengali*).
25. 4.49	Miss Gita Datta	Social Customs in Vedic India.
27. 4.49	Mr. S. C. Sen	History of Cinchona Cultivation in India.
30. 4.49	Dr. (Mrs) Bani Chatterjee	Cultural Contact and Music.
16. 7.49	Dr. B. C. Guha Dr. G. Sankaran Prof. D. Ghosh Mr. S. K. De Mr. K. C. Basak Dr. K. P. Biswas Prof. J. M. Sen	Joint symposium under the auspices of R.A.S.B. and the Association of Scientific Workers of India—on "Food & Population."
19. 7.49	Dr. Nalinakhya Sanyal	India's communications with her neighbours.
25. 7.49	Sri Chapala Kanta Bhattacharya	*Gita ki Saptāśati* (*in Bengali*).
9. 8.49	Miss Vasana Sen	*Bhāratiya Darśane Avirodha* (*in Bengali*).
17. 8.49	Sri Pramatha Kumar Chakravarti	The Principles of Hindu Social Integration and Reconstruction.
8. 11.49	Mr. N. C. Ghosh	Medieval Poet Saints of India.

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22. 11.49	Dr. Mahanamabrata Brahmachari	Conception of Hindu Religion.
2. 12 49	Prof. Georg Morgenstierne	The position of the Dardic Languages within Indo-Iranian.

Exhibits

The following exhibits were shown and commented upon :—

January

(1) P. Chakravarti, Sankhya-Vyakarantirtha.—*Bṛhatī of Prabhākara Miśra and* MS. No III B. 125.

(2) P. Chakravarti, Sankhya-Vyakarantirtha—*Spanda-vivṛti by Rāyānaka Srīrāma.* MS. No. IM 9503.

March

(1) P. Chakravarti, Sankhaya-Vyakaranatirtha—Pada-candrikā *by Rāyamukuṭa*, MS. No. III. C. 73.

(2) P. Chakravarti, Sankhaya-Vyakaranatirtha—*A new Copperplate Inscription of Bhavadeva.*

May

A. Dr. R. C. Majumdar.—(1) *The cast of a gold coin of Budhagupta* (2) *The photograph of an image lying under a tree in a suburb of the city of Patna and* (3) *The estampages of a long inscription on a stone image lying under a tree at the village Bargaon, about a mile to the north of the site of ancient Nālandā.*

P. Dr. K. P. Biswas.—*The orginal correspondence of Sir Joseph Banks relating to the foundation of the Royal Botanic Garden, Calcutta.*

June

Sri S. K. Saraswati—*Manuscript material in the Library of the Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal for a study of the development of the Bengali Alphabet.*

Kulālikāmnāya or Kubjikāmata (No. G. 8329).

July

Sri S. K. Saraswati—*Manuscript materials in the Library of the the Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal for a study of the development of the Bengali Script.*

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(1) Kālacakrāvatara of Abhayākara Gupta (No. G. 4732) copied in 1047 Śaka era, corresponding to 1125 A.D.

(2) Laghukālacakraṭīkā (No. G. 10766), copied in the 39th year of the reign of Mahārājādhirāja Harivarmadeva.

(3) Kuṭṭanīmatam of Dāmodaragupta (No. G. 4731), copied in 292 Newar era, corresponding to 1172 A.D.

August

Sri S. K. Saraswati—*Manuscript materials in the Library of the Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal for a study of the development of the Bengali script.*

(1) Aṣṭau Śabdaḥ (No. G. 4850) copied in Lakshaṇa Saṁvat 155 corresponding to 1274 A.D.

(2) Bhaṭṭikāvya-ṭīkā by Śrīnivāsa (No. G. 4795), copied in Lakshaṇa Saṁvat 159 corresponding to 1278 A.D.

September

Sri S. K. Saraswati—*Some interesting sculptures from Bengal in private collections.*

1.	A Stucco head	c. 5th century A.D.
2.	Viṣṇu (Copper)	c. 11th century A.D.
3.	Viṣṇu : Ananta (Bronze)	c. 11th century A.D.
4.	Viṣṇu : seated (Brass)	c. 11th century A.D.
5.	Mahiṣamardiṇī (Brass)	c. 10th-11th century A.D.
6.	Umā-Maheśvara (Brass)	c. 11th century A.D.
7.	Śrīdevī (Bronze)	c. 11th century A.D.
8.	Goddess : seated (Bronze)	c. 11th century A.D.
9.	Seated God and Goddess (Bronze)	c. 11th century A.D.
10.	Vaiṣṇavī (Bronze)	c. 11th century A.D.

November

Dr. J. N. Banerjee, M. A., Ph.D.—*Some Coins in the Society's Cabinet.*

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December

S. K. Saraswati—(1) *A terracotta figurine discovered at Tamluk (Midnapur District, West Bengal), and now at the Indian Institute, Oxford.*

The terracotta figurine, of which the photograph was shown, was discovered in the eighties of the last century at Tamluk (ancient port of Tamralipti) in the Midnapur district as a result of the erosion of the river Rupnarayan which cut away a part of the ancient seaport city. It was exhibited in a monthly meeting of the Asiatic Society of Bengal in the year 1888 (March, 1888—*Proceedings of the Asiatic Society of Bengal*, 1888, pp. 113-14 and Pl. III) and was apparently presented along with ancient coins, discovered on the same occasion and made over to the Society.

2. *An illustrated Ms. of the Devīmāhātmya (Caṇḍī) in the form of a miniature scroll and used as an amulet.*

Finance

Appendix II contains the statements showing the accounts for 1949. The new form of presentation of accounts introduced last year has been followed this year too.

The fund accounts show their invested assets and the Investment Account (No.33) shows the allocations of invested papers to each fund separately.

Statement No. 35 shows the Balance Sheet of the Society and the different funds administered by and through it.

During the year 3% Government Paper to the face value of Rs. 6,000/- has been added to the temporary Reserve Fund of the Society. Steps are being taken to transfer to the permanent Reserve Fund the compounding fees of Rs. 956/- received during the year.

The Government of Bengal continued the 20% cut in some of the Grants, sanctioned for the Society, during the year although representations were forwarded praying for the restoration of the cut.

The Special Annual Grant of Rs. 20,000/- made by the Government of India, and also Grant of Rs. 5,000/- for the Arabic and Persian Manuscripts and Cataloguing fund for the year 1948-49 were received during the year.

Besides that two grants noted above the Government of India sanctioned two Special Non-recurring Grants of Rs. 10,000/- and Rs. 7,300/- for the improvement of the publications of the Society and for the preservation of Manuscripts respectively.

The Government Securities, shown in statement No. 33 are held in Safe Custody by the Imperial Bank of India, Park Street Branch.

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The Budget Estimates (Appendix IV) for probable expenditure show a deficit of nearly Rs. 17, 500/- because the growing demands under various heads commensurate with the ever-expanding activities of the Society in all directions cannot be satisfied without provision of the amount allotted under the different heads of anticipated disbursements. Special efforts are being made towards the all round improvement of the Library by purchasing a larger number of useful books and trying to speed up the preparation of an up-to-date Catalogue of books and Descriptive Catalogues of the rich and varied collections of the Manuscript Section.

Grants for Research and Research Activities

The Society received Rs. 10,000/- for the year 1948-49 before March, 1949 out of the sanctioned grant of Rs. 50,000/- made by the Government of Bengal for five years in the year in 1945 as per letter No. 837 Misc. dated 19-11-45. The grant of that amount for the year 1949-50 had not yet been received though the bill for the amount had already been submitted. This grant was made for the publication of works hitherto unpublished relating to the history of Bengal-Bihar. The work is continuing under the editorship of Sir Jadunath Sarkar.

New Building for the Society

It cannot be denied that the present building is old and too small for the growing needs and expanding cultural activities of the Society. The plan of a commodious, nice and modern structure of at least 5 storeys is ready and ways and means to make a beginning towards construction are being pushed ahead.

Printers

The Printers for the numerous publications of the Society remained as before and thanks of the Society are due to the Superintendent of the Baptist Mission Press and a few other presses for offering their whole hearted co-operation in the matter of pushing on with the items of work entrusted to them.

Selling Agents

There was no change in the selling Agents for the Society's publications in Europe, America and India but the sales have looked up and still better results are expected next year. The question of appointing a few more selling agents throughout the important cultural centres of the world is being looked into.

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Solicitors

The Society's solicitors were Messrs. B. N. Basu and Company as before and their assistance was taken whenever any necessity for the same arose.

Auditors

The Auditors, Messrs. Price, Waterhouse, Peat and Company deserve the thanks of the Society for timely auditing of the accounts though their work increased ever since last year.

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APPENDICES

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APPEN

Membership Statistics
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ORDINARY									
	PAYING				NON-PAYING				
YEAR	Resident	Non-Resident	Foreign	Total	Absent	Life	Non-Subscribing	Total	Total Ordinary Members
1900 . .	116	124	18	258	30	22	1	53	311
1901 . .	123	133	13	269	37	22	. .	59	328
1902 . .	126	116	14	256	47	21	. .	68	324
1903 . .	127	126	14	261	46	21	. .	67	334
1904 . .	132	130	14	276	46	21	. .	67	333
1905 . .	144	133	12	289	48	20	. .	68	357
1906 . .	173	147	15	335	52	20	. .	72	407
1907 . .	174	175	20	369	31	20	. .	51	420
1908 . .	181	193	17	391	38	19	. .	57	448
1909 . .	183	217	13	413	40	20	. .	60	476
1910 . .	209	217	16	442	43	23	. .	66	508
1911 . .	200	225	19	444	53	22	. .	75	519
1912 . .	203	229	19	451	43	23	. .	66	517
1913 . .	200	211	19	430	46	23	. .	69	499
1914 . .	191	187	19	397	50	26	. .	76	473
1915 . .	171	188	21	380	40	25	. .	65	445
1916 . .	145	159	18	322	60	25	. .	85	407
1917 . .	150	144	15	309	45	24	. .	69	378
1918 . .	153	145	17	315	43	24	. .	67	382
1919 . .	141	128	15	284	64	25	. .	89	373
1920 . .	161	134	15	310	32	26	. .	58	368
1921 . .	160	132	16	308	26	26	. .	52	360
1922 . .	160	141	16	317	26	26	. .	52	369
1923 . .	147	120	13	280	30	27	. .	57	337
1924 . .	209	134	12	355	29	28	. .	57	412
1925 . .	263	137	12	412	23	27	. .	50	462
1926 . .	319	162	20	501	23	28	. .	51	552
1927 . .	328	167	18	513	28	33	. .	61	574
1928 . .	344	167	23	534	42	46	. .	88	622
1929 . .	331	181	21	533	46	49	. .	95	628
1930 . .	291	194	37	522	22	52	. .	74	596
1931 . .	228	184	29	441	26	52	. .	78	519
1932 . .	222	126	23	371	27	54	. .	81	452
1933 . .	194	126	27	347	33	56	. .	80	436
1934 . .	217	112	30	359	26	57	. .	83	442
1935 . .	206	107	28	341	28	56	. .	84	425
1936 . .	214	106	24	344	16	55	. .	71	415
1937 . .	205	99	29	333	20	55	. .	75	408
1938 . .	193	98	21	312	24	54	. .	78	390
1939 . .	187	103	21	311	21	54	. .	75	386
1940 . .	190	108	18	316	14	57	. .	71	387
1941 . .	173	113	16	302	22	58	. .	80	382
1942 . .	171	108	12	291	28	56	. .	84	375
1943 . .	195	125	12	332	23	57	. .	80	412
1944 . .	240	148	13	401	23	59	. .	82	483
1945 . .	418	176	23	617	20	77	. .	97	714
1946	602	199	24	825	20	83	. .	93	928
1947 . .	665	205	28	898	31	87	. .	118	1016
1948 . .	671	204	24	899	29	92	. .	121	1020
1949 . .	665	219	24	908	29	92	. .	121	1029

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DIX I.

from 1900-1949

50 years

the 31st of December)

EXTRA ORDINARY						FELLOWS	
Centenary Honorary	Associate	Institutional	Special Aniversary Honorary	Total	Grand Total Membership	Honorary	Ordinary
4	12	. .	. .	16	327	. .	. .
4	12	. .	. .	16	344	26	. .
4	13	. .	. .	17	341	24	. .
4	13	. .	. .	17	351	30	. .
4	13	. .	. .	17	360	29	. .
4	13	. .	. .	17	374	30	. .
4	12	. .	. .	16	423	28	. .
4	12	. .	. .	16	436	30	. .
4	13	. .	. .	17	465	28	. .
4	14	. .	. .	18	491	27	. .
4	14	. .	. .	18	526	28	17
3	14	. .	. .	17	536	27	19
3	13	. .	. .	16	533	27	24
3	14	. .	. .	17	516	24	28
3	14	. .	. .	17	490	29	27
3	15	. .	. .	18	463	26	31
3	15	. .	. .	18	425	26	33
2	12	. .	. .	14	392	22	35
2	10	. .	. .	12	394	22	39
2	11	. .	. .	13	386	18	36
2	11	. .	. .	13	381	28	38
2	12	. .	. .	14	374	28	40
2	13	. .	. .	15	384	30	39
2	11	. .	. .	13	350	28	37
2	12	. .	. .	14	426	27	37
2	12	. .	. .	14	476	26	34
2	12	. .	. .	14	566	25	34
2	13	. .	. .	15	589	28	38
1	12	2	. .	13	635	28	40
1	10	2	. .	13	641	27	43
1	8	5	. .	11	607	29	47
1	8	5	. .	14	533	29	46
1	7	6	. .	13	465	28	45
. .	7	7	. .	13	449	26	49
. .	6	7	12	25	467	26	47
. .	5	10	11	23	448	24	44
. .	5	12	11	26	441	21	46
. .	5	12	10	27	435	19	49
. .	4	12	10	26	416	19	45
. .	6	12	10	28	414	22	46
. .	7	12	10	29	416	21	49
. .	6	12	9	27	409	18	48
. .	6	12	9	27	402	17	48
. .	6	12	9	27	439	16	45
. .	8	14	10	32	515	14	46
. .	10	16	10	36	750	14	43
. .	9	17	10	36	964	14	43
. .	9	19	10	38	1054	13	41
. .	10	19	10	39	1059	14	43
. .	10	21	10	41	1070	14	41

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APPENDIX III.

List of Members of the Council, Committees, Sub-Committees, etc., of the Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal for 1949.

Council

President—The Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee.

Vice-Presidents—Dr. S. K. Chatterji, Dr. M. N. Saha, Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi, Dr. R. C. Majumdar.

General Secretary—Mr. K. N. Bagchi, (upto 7. 10. 49).
Dr. Nihar-ranjan Ray (from 8. 10. 49).

Hony. Treasurer—Dr. S. C. Law.

Philological Secretary—Dr. N. Dutt.

Jt. Philological Secretary—Dr. A B. M. Habibullah.

Natural History Secretaries (*Physical Science*)—Dr. S. K. Mitra.
(*Biology*)—Dr. J. L. Bhaduri.

Anthropological Secretary—Rev. Dr. W. G. Griffiths.

Historical and Archæological Secretary—Dr. U. N. Ghosal.

Medical Secretary—Mr. A. C. Ukil.

Library Secretary—Dr. Nihar ranjan Ray (upto 7. 10. 49).
Dr. K. P. Biswas (from 8. 10. 49).

Members of Council—Mr. H. Waddington, Dr. K. P. Biswas (upto 7. 10. 49), Dr. J. N. Banerjee (from 8. 10. 49), Mr. K. P. Khaitan, Mr. A. P. Benthall, Prof. J. M. Sen.

Advisory Committees

A. *Cultural*

President, General Secretary, Hony. Treasurer (ex-officio), Dr. S. K. Chatterji, Dr. R. C. Majumdar, Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi, Dr. N. Dutt, Dr. U. N. Ghosal, Dr. N. Ray, Rev. Dr. W. G. Griffiths, Mr. H. Waddington, Sir Jadunath Sarkar, Dr. Kalidas Nag, Dr. M. Ishaque. Rai Bahadur B. B. Mukherji.

B. *Scientific*

President, General Secretary, Hony. Treasurer (ex-officio), Mr. A. C. Ukil, Dr. K. P. Biswas, Dr. S. K. Mitra, Mr. A. P. Benthall, Prof. K. P. Chattopadhyaya, Dr. S. L. Hora, Dr. A. K. Sen, Dr. W. D. West, Dr. P. C. Sarbadhikari, Dr. B. S. Guha, Mr. J. M. Sen, Mr. K. B. Sen, Dr. J. L. Bhaduri, Prof. T, C. Das and Prof. Mihir Kumar Sen.

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Committees

(1) *Finance*

President, General Secretary, Hony. Treasurer (ex-officio), Dr. K. P. Biswas, Mr. K. P. Khaitan, Prof. J. M. Sen and Dr. A. K. Sen.

(2) *Library*

President, General Secretary, Hony. Treasurer, Philological Secretary, Jt. Philological Secretary, Physical Science Secretary, Biological Secretary, Anthropological Secretary, Historical and Archæological Secretary, Medical Secretary, Library Secretary (ex-officio), Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi and Dr. R. C. Majumdar.

(3) *Publication*

President, General Secretary, Hony. Treasurer, All Sectional Secretaries (ex-officio), Mr. H. Waddington, Mr. A. P. Benthall and Dr. K. P. Biswas.

(4) *Bibliotheca Indica.*

President, General Secretary, Hony. Treasurer (ex-officio), Dr. N. Dutt, Dr. U. N. Ghoshal, Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi, Dr. S. K. Chatterji, Sir Jadunath Sarkar and Dr. R. C. Majumdar.

(5) *Building*

President, General Secretary, Hony. Treasurer, Mr. Bernard Matthews and Sir Biren Mukherjee.

(6) *Membership*

President, General Secretary, Hony. Treasurer (ex-officio), and Mr. K. P. Khaitan.

Special Sub-Committees

(1) *Selection Committee for appointing Librarian*

President, General Secretary, Hony. Treasurer (ex-officio), Dr. A. B. M. Habibullah, Dr. R. C. Majumdar and Dr. N. Ray.

(2) *Special Sub-Committee appointed by the Council for the reorganisation of the office :*

President, General Secretary and the Library Secretary.

(3) *Selection Committee for appointing three Research Fellows :*

President, General Secretary, Hony. Treasurer, two Philological Secretaries, Dr. S. K. Chatterji and Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi.

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(4) *Special Sub-Committee for scrutiny of the articles to be published in the book "Science and Post-War Development in India."*

President, Dr. S. K. Mitra, Dr. A. C. Ukil, Dr. J. L. Bhaduri and Dr. R. C. Majummdar.

(5) *Special Committee to prepare detailed schemes about proper utilisation of the two non-recurring grants of Rs. 7,300/- and 10,000/- granted by the Govt. of India, Ministry of Education* :

President, General Secretary, Hony. Treasurer and Library Secretary.

(6) *Selection Committee for appointment of three General Assistants* :

President, General Secretary, Hony. Treasurer (ex-officio), and Dr. K. P. Biswas.

(7) *Special Sub-Committee for future programme of Cataloguing of Mss.* :

President, General Secretary, Hony. Treasurer, two Philological Secretaries, Dr. R. C. Majumdar and Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi.

(8) *Selection Committee for appointment of one Curator of Sanskrit Mss. and one Cataloguer of Arabic and Persian Mss.* :

President, General Secretary, Hony. Treasurer, two Philological Secretaries, Dr. R.C. Majumdar and Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi.

(9) *Rules Revisinon Sub-Committee* :

President, General Secretary, Hony. Treasurer, Library Secretary, Dr. N. Dutt, Prof. J. M. Sen, and Dr. K. P. Biswas.

(10) *Peace and Culture Medal Committee* :

President, General Secretary, Hony. Treasurer, Dr. K. P. Biswas and Dr. W. G. Griffiths.

Special Sectional Committees

A. *Cultural (Humanities)* :

(1) *Art, Archæological and Historical Studies Committee* :

Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, Mr. O. C. Gangoly, Dr. U. N. Ghoshal, Rai Bahadur B. B. Mukherjee, Dr. R. C. Majumdar, Sir Jadunath Sarkar, Dr. K. Nag, Dr. B. C. Sen, Dr. J. N. Banerjea, Mr. S. K. Saraswati, Dr. (Mrs.) Stella Kramrisch, Dr. A. B. M. Habibullah, Dr. Sivaramamurti and Mr. D. P. Ghosh.

(2) *Linguistic and Literary Studies Committee.*

Dr. S. K. Chatterji, Dr. Sukumar Sen, Dr. M. Ishaque, Sir Jadunath Sarkar, Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi, Dr. N. Dutt, Dr. N. R. Ray, Mrs. Tuhinika Chatterji, Pandit N. C. Vedantatirtha, Rai Bahadur R. D. Chokhany, Dr. J. B. Chaudhuri, Rai Bahadur K. N. Mitra, Dr. Satkari Mookerjee and Dr. Roma Chaudhuri.

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Medal Advisory Boards

(1) *Barclay Memorial Medal* (*Medicine*) :—Dr. A. C. Ukil (Medical Secretary), Dr. J. L. Bhaduri (Biological Secretary), Dr. J. C. Roy, Col. C. K. Laksmanan, Mr. J. C. Gupta and Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee.

(2) *Sir William Jones Memorial Medal* (*Philosophy, Literature, History and Science*) :—Dr. N. Dutt (Philological Secretary), Dr. A. B. M. Habibullah (Jt. Philological Secretary), Dr. S. K. Chatterji, Dr. R. C. Majumdar, Dr. Mahendra Lal Sarkar and Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee.

(3) *Pramathanath Bose Memorial Medal* (*Geology*) :—Dr. P. K. Ghose, Dr. W. D. West, Dr. Nirmal K. Chatterjee, Mr. Percy Evans and General Secretary.

(4) *Dr. Bimala Churn Law Gold Medal* (*History, Geography, Philosophy, Religions, Ethnology, Folklore, Fine Arts and Architecture, Bengali Language, Literature and Philology*) :—Dr. B. C. Law (Donor), Dr. N. Dutt (Philological Secretary), Dr. R. C. Majumdar, Dr. S. K. Chatterji, Dr. N. Ray, Dr. W. G. Griffiths and Dr. Prabodh Ch. Bagchi.

(5) *Sarat Ch. Roy Memorial Medal* (*Cultural Anthropology of India*) :—Sri Salil Kumar Roy Chaudhuri, Dr. W. G. Griffiths (Anthropological Secretary), Prof. K. P. Chattopadhyaya, Sri Nirmal Kumar Bose, Dr. B. S. Guha.

(6) *Sir Jadunath Sarkar Gold Medal* (*History, Religion, Art, Archaeology, Literature*):—Dr. R. C. Majumdar, Dr. Radha Kumud Mukherjee, Dr. A. B. M. Habibullah (Jt. Philological Secretary), Sir Jadunath Sarkar and Dr. Nihar-ranjan Ray.

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APPENDIX IV

Budget Estimates 1950

RECEIPTS

Nos.	Budget Heads	1947 Actuals	1948 Actuals	1949 Budget Estimates.	1949 Revised Estimates.	1950 Budget Estimates.
I.	Interest on investment.	3,440	14,390	8,810	9,016	9,016
II.	Interest on Fixed Deposits.	1,350	450	450	450	450
III.	Advertisements.	10,200	10,200	10,200	10,200	10,200
IV.	Rent.	11,130	11,530	11,580	11,580	11,580
V.	Miscellaneous.	992	1,000	1,000	2,400	2,000
VI.	Members Subscription.	18,927	27,000	25,000	20,500	22,000
VII.	Admission Fee.	4,368	1,707	2,500	2,530	2,500
VIII.	Compounding Fee.	700	1,160	260	70	600
IX.	Donations.	520	325	150	—	—
X.	Special grant, Govt. of India.	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
XI.	Proportional Share for General Expenditure from :					
	1. Oriental Publ.Fund No.1.	2,000	2,500	2,500	2,500	3,500
	2. Publication fund.	3,000	3,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
	3. Sanskrit Mss Fund.	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	—
	4. Arabic & Persian Mss. Fund.	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	2,000
		79,127	96,305	87,450	84,876	86,346

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Budget Estimates. 1950

EXPENDITURE

Nos.	Budget Heads.	1947 Actuals.	1948 Actuals	1949 Budget Estimates, including adjustment in allotments	1949 Revised Estimates	1950 Budget Estimates
I.	Secy's, Salary.	7,530	—	—		
II.	Salaries & Allowances :—					
	General Secy's Allowance.	1,639	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800
	Salary of Office Staff.	27,551	18,700	20,000	20,010	20,200
	Salary of Library Staff.	—	6,400	10,900	10,835	13,500
III.	Provident Fund Contribution	591	600	1,100	1,000	1,700
IV.	Dearness Allowances :—					
	Office Staff.	9,637	8,325	8,250	8,330	8,350
	Library Staff.	—	2,735	4,000	4,060	4,600
V.	Interim Relief :—					
	Office Subord. Staff.	—	2,960	2,500	2,520	2,400
	Library Subord. Staff.	—	1,105	1,360	1,348	1,420
VI.	Gratuity.	570	50	—	—	500
VII.	Commission.	401	730	600	620	600
VIII.	Stationery.	1,693	1,600	1,850	1,810	2,000
IX.	Printing Notices, Circulars, etc.	1,226	1,925	1,600	1,602	2,000
X.	Contingencies & Miscellaneous	2,457	2,250	1,400	1,382	2,000
XI.	Postages.	1,594	2,500	3,050	2,893	2,800
XII.	Electric Charges.	515	850	1,700	1,613	1,700
XIII.	Telephones.	428	400	560	520	550
XIV.	Transfer to Building Rep. Fd.	1,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	4,000
XV.	Taxes.	2,704	2,830	2,850	2,832	3,300
XVI.	Insurance.	853	750	750	750	750
XVII.	Lower Sub. Staff Uniforms.	622	275	40	35	500
XVIII.	Furniture :— Purchase / Repair	8,482	175	100	102	150
XIX.	Audit Fee.	250	250	650	650	650
XX.	Library Book Purchase.	2,209	4,000	10,000	6,547	10,000
XXI.	Library Book Binding.	959	750	1,050	1,002	4,500
XXII.	Library Improvement : (including stock-taking, Cataloguing and Card Indexing).	735	4,650	6,090	6,000	13,000
XXIII.	General Improvement and Publications.	—	10,376	4,000	4,000	500
XXIV.	Transfer of Compounding fee to Permanent Res.	—	—	1,200	1,200	700
XXV.	Miscellaneous.	—	—	100	20	—
		73,646	78,486	89,500	87,981	104170

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[APPENDIX II.]

Abstract Statement

of

Receipts and Disbursements

of the

Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal

for

the Year 1949

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STATEMENT No. 1. *General*

Income and Expenditure Account

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Establishment:		
General Secretary's Allowances	1770 0 0	
Salaries	30,914 14 6	
Commission	595 1 6	
Dearness Allowance ...	12,525 9 0	
Interim Relief	3,885 3 0	
		49,690 12 0
General Expenditure:		
Stationery	1,792 6 6	
Electric Charges ...	1,665 12 9	
Telephone	520 4 0	
Taxes	2,591 11 0	
Postage	2,931 3 6	
Contingencies	1,367 11 2	
Printing Circulars, Forms, etc.	1,498 4 9	
Audit Fee	650 0 0	
Insurance	750 0 0	
Lower Subordinate Staff, Uniforms	34 8 9	
Furniture and Repairs ...	107 8 9	
Miscellaneous	19 13 0	
Purchase of Investment ...	6,000 0 0	
Solicitor's Fee	992 0 0	
Freight	271 6 0	
		21,192 10 2
Library and Collections:		
Books	8,753 15 0	
Binding	1,146 10 0	
Improvement, including Reading Room accommodation, Stock-taking and Safety Measures.	5,965 11 3	
		15,866 4 3
Publication and General Improvement	...	3,993 0 9
Provident Fund Contributions, 1949.	...	998 12 0
		91,741 7 2
Transfer to Building Repair Fund Account ...		1,500 0 0
Sundry Adjustments:		
Arrears of Members' Subscription written off		1,592 0 0
Balance as Per Balance Sheet:		
3% G.P. Notes Rs. 2,87,200 ...	2,87,200 0 0	
4½% Loan, Rs. 11,400 ...	11,400 0 0	
Fixed Deposit Rs. 30,000 ...	30,000 0 0	
Surplus at date	30,168 5 1	
		3,58,768 5 1
		4,53,601 12 3

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Fund. 1949.

for the year ended 31st December, 1949.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance From Last Account		3,59,938 13 1
Cash Receipts:		
Interest on Investments ...	9,016 4 0	
Interest on Fixed Deposits ...	450 0 0	
Govt. of India Grant ...	20,000 0 0	
Advertising	10,200 0 0	
Rent	10,855 0 0	
Miscellaneous	2,501 11 2	
		53,022 15 2
Personal Account:		
Member's Subscriptions ...	23,514 0 0	
Admission Fees	2,340 0 0	
Compounding Fees	965 0 0	
		26,819 0 0
Amount at Credit Written Back ...	...	321 0 0
Transfer from funds:		
Proportionate Share in General Expenditure—		
O.P. Fund No. 1 Account ...	2,500 0 0	
Sanskrit Mss. Fund Account ...	1,500 0 0	
Arabic and Persian Mss. Fund Account	1,000 0 0	
Publication Fund Account ...	2,500 0 0	
		7,500 0 0
Purchase of Investment of 3% Conversion Loan, 1949, credited at Face Value. ...	...	6,000 0 0
		4,53,601 12 3

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STATEMENT No. 2. *Oriental Publication*

From a monthly grant made by the Government of Bengal, for the Languages (Rs. 500, Less 20% from the 1st of April, 1932), and for

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
Proportionate Share in General Expenditure	...	2,500 0 0
Editing	...	568 12 0
Purchase of paper	...	2,917 2 9
Printing	...	5,896 0 0
Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Rs. 5,000 3% War Loan, 1951-54	5,000 0 0	
Rs. 5,000 3% Victory Loan, 1957	5,000 0 0	
Fixed Deposit	30,000 0 0	
Surplus at date	4,175 12 4	
		44,175 12 4
		56,057 11 1

STATEMENT No. 3. *Oriental Publication*

From an annual grant made by the Government of Bengal of Historical (*Less 20% from*

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Balance from last Account ...	... ...	675 1 10
Balance as per Balance Sheet	... ...	3,399 14 2
		4,075 0 0

STATEMENT No. 4. *Sanskrit Manuscripts*

From an annual grant of Rs. 3,200 made by the Government of acquired by the Society; and Rs. 3,600 from the same Government

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
Proportionate Share in General Expenditure	...	1,500 0 0
Cataloguing	...	9,015 0 0
Repairs to Mss.	...	1,248 0 0
Printing	...	49 14 0
Purchase of Mss.	...	1,762 8 0
Stationery	...	82 14 9
Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Rs. 5, 000. 3% Victory Loan, 1957	5,000 0 0	
Deficit at Date	1,089 2 2	
		3,910 13 10
		17,569 2 7

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Fund No. 1, in Account with R. A. S. B. 1949.

Publication of Oriental Works and Works of Instruction in Eastern the publication of Sanskrit Works hitherto unpublished, Rs. 250.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	... ...	48,808 11 1
Annual Grant ...	... ...	6,500 0 0
Interest realized during the year	... ...	299 0 0
Interest from Fixed Deposit	... ...	450 0 0
		56,057 11 1

Fund No. 2, in Account with R. A. S. B. 1949.

Rs. 3,000 for the publication of Arabic and Persian Works of Interest.
the 1st. of April, 1932)

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Annual Grant ...	... ...	4,075 0 0
		4,075 0 0

Fund Account, in Account with R. A. S. E. 1949.

Bengal for the publication of the Catalogue of Sanskrit Manuscripts
(Less 20% from the 1st of April, 1932.)
for Research Work.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account	... ...	11,264 10 7
Annual Grant ...	... ...	6,080 0 0
Interest realised during the year	... ...	149 8 0
Interest from Fixed Deposit	... ...	75 0 0
		17,569 2 7

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STATEMENT No. 5. *Arabic and Persian Manuscripts*

From an annual grant of Rs. 5,000 made by the Government of Manuscripts, acquired by the Society; for the purchase of of Arabic and Persian Manuscripts

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Proportionate Share in General Expenditure ...		1,000 0 0
Purchase of Mss.		14 8 0
Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Fixed Deposit	10,000 0 0	
Surplus at date	3,970 9 6	
		13,970 9 6
		14,985 1 6

STATEMENT No. 6. *Barclay Memorial*

From a sum of Rs. 500 odd given in 1896 by the Surgeon encouragement of Medical

	Rs. As, P.	Rs. As. P.
Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Rs. 700, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946	700 0 0	
Surplus at date	217 1 11	
		917 1 11
		917 1 11

STATEMENT No. 7. *Servants' Pension*

Founded in 1876 as the Piddington Pension Fund

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
Pension		144 0 0
Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Rs. 3,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946	3,000 0 0	
Surplus at date	482 4 8	
		3,482 4 8
		3,626 4 8

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Fund Account, in Account with R.A.S.B. 1949.

India for the cataloguing and binding of Arabic and Persian further Manuscripts, and for the preparation of notices found in various Libraries in India.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	...	9,910 1 6
Annual Grant	...	5,000 0 0
Interest from Fixed Deposit ...	...	75 0 0
		14,985 1 6

Fund Account, in Account with R.A.S.B. 1949.

General, I.M.S., for the foundation of a medal for the and Biological Sciences.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	...	896 1 11
Interest realized during the year	...	21 0 0
		917 1 11

Fund Account, in Account with R.A.S.B. 1949.

with Rs. 500 odd from the Piddington Fund.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	...	3,536 12 8
Interest realized during the year	...	89 8 0
		3,62[illegible] [illegible] 8

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STATEMENT No. 8. *Annandale Memorial*

From donation by subscription,

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To cost of a Medal	...	619 13 0
Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Rs. 4,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946	4,000 0 0	
Surplus at date ...	297 11 9	
		4,297 11 9
		4,917 8 9

STATEMENT No. 9. *Permanent Library Endowment*

From gifts received,

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Rs. 14,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946	14,000 0 0	
Fixed Deposit	5,000 0 0	
Surplus at date	1,975 15 8	
		20,975 15 8
		20,975 15 8

STATEMENT No. 10. *Sir William Jones Memorial*

From a sum gifted for the purpose

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Rs. 3,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946.	3,000 0 0	
Deficit at date	178 7 0	
		2,821 9 0
		2,821 9 0

STATEMENT No. 11. *Pramathanath Bose Memorial*

From a sum gifted for

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Rs. 1,800, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946.	1,800 0 0	
Surplus at date	490 10 9	
		2,290 10 9
		2,290 10 9

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Fund Account, in Account with R.A.S.B. 1949.

started in 1926.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	...	4,798 0 9
Interest realized during the year	...	119 8 0
		4,917 8 9

Fund Account, in Account with R.A.S.B. 1949.

started in 1926.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	...	20,556 11 8
Interest realized during the year	...	419 4 0
		20,975 15 8

Fund Account, in Account with R.A.S.B. 1949.

in 1926, by Dr. U. N. Brahmachari.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As P.
By Balance from last Account ...	...	2,732 1 0
Interest realized during the year	...	89 8 0
		2,821 9 0

Fund Account, in Account with R.A.S.B. 1949.

the purpose in 1935.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	...	2,237 2 9
Interest realized during the year	...	53 8 0
		2,290 10 9

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STATEMENT No. 12. *Joy Gobind Law Memorial*

From a donation for the purpose

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Rs. 3000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946	3,000 0 0	
Deficit at date	171 11 6	
		2,828 4 6
		2,828 4 6

STATEMENT NO. 13. *Calcutta Science Congress Prize*

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Rs. 3,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946	3,000 0 0	
Surplus at date	679 12 7	
		3,679 12 7
		3,679 12 7

STATEMENT No. 14. *Dr. Bruhl Memorial*

From a sum gifted for the purpose in

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Rs. 1,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946	1,000 0 0	
Surplus at date	418 11 0	
		1,418 11 0
		1,418 11 0

STATEMENT No. 15. *Dr. Bimala Churn Law Gold Medal*

From a sum gifted for the

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Rs. 8,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946	8,000 0 0	
Surplus at date	615 7 9	
		8,615 7 9
		8,615 7 9

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Fund Account, in Account with R.A.S.B. 1949.

in 1929, by Dr. Satya Churn Law.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance fron last Account ...	...	2,738 12 6
Interest realized during the year	...	89 8 0
		2,828 4 6

———

Fund Account, in Account with R.A.S.B. 1949.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance fron last Account ...	...	3,590 4 7
Interest realized during the year	...	89 8 0
		3,679 12 7

———

Fund Account, in Account with R.A.S.B. 1949.

1929, by the Bruhl Farewell Committee.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	...	1,388 15 0
Interest realized during the year	...	29 12 0
		1,418 11 0

———

Fund Account, in Account with R.A.S.B. 1949.

purpose by Dr. B. C. Law

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	...	8,375 15 9
Interest realized during the year	...	239 8 0
		8,615 7 9

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STATMENT NO. 16 *Sarat Ch. Roy Medal Fund*

From a sum gifted by Mrs.

	Rs. As, P.	Rs. As. P.
Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Rs. 4,000, 3% Victory Loan, 1957	4,000 0 0	
Surplus at date ...	285 15 10	
		4,285 15 10
		4,285 15 10

STATMENT NO. 17 *Durga Prasad Khaitan Memolria*

From a sum donated

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To cost of a medal		946 5 0
Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Rs. 10,000, 3% Loan, 1970-75	10,000 0 0	
Surplus at date	276 1 6	
		10,276 1 6
		11,222 6 6

STATEMENT NO. 18 *Sir Jadunath Sarkar Medal*

From a sum donated

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Rs. 8,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946	8,000 0 0	
Surplus at date	680 13 0	
		8,680 13 0
		8,680 13 0

STATMENT NO. 19 *Dr. Bimala Churn Law Collection*

From a sum donated

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet ...	...	953 12 6
		953 12 6

STATMENT NO. 20 *Research Fellowship*

From an annual grant of Rs. 7,200

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
Scholarships	...	2,411 5 3
Advertisements	...	118 0 0
Balance as per Balance Sheet ...	...	8,544 12 9
		11,075 2 0

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Account, in Account with R.A.S.B. *1949.*

S. C. Roy for the purpose.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	...	4,038 15 10
Interest realized during the year	...	247 0 0
		4,285 15 10

Medal Fund, in Account with R.A.S.B. *1949.*

by Mr. T. P. Khaitan.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	...	10,829 10 6
Interest realized during the year	...	392 12 0
		11,222 6 6

Fund, in Account with R.A.S.E. *1949.*

by Dr. B. C. Law.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	...	8,441 5 0
Interest realized during the year	...	239 8 0
		8.680 13 0

Fund, in Account with R.A.S.B. *1949.*

by Dr. B. C. Law.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	...	953 12 6
		953 12 6

Fund Account, in Account with R.A.S.B. *1949.*

made by Government of Bengal.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	...	3,874 2 0
Annual Grant received during the year ...		7,200 0 0
		11,0[illegible] 2 0

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STATEMENT No. 21. *Historical Publication*

From an annual grant of Rs. 10,000

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Salary paid to N. B. Roy ...	...	2,380 0 0
Stationery	...	7 14 0
Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Fixed Deposit	15,000 0 0	
Surplus at Date	4,797 6 9	
		19,797 6 9
		22,185 4 9

STATEMENT No. 22. *Rockefeller Grant*

From a grant received from

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Payments made to Lloyd's Bank A/c. Mrs. Ragini Devi ...	...	4,500 0 0
Difference in Exchange ...	...	187 8 0
Balance as per Balance Sheet	...	7,312 8 0
		12,000 0 0

STATEMENT No. 23. *Rajasthani Fund, in*

From a sum donated

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet ...	...	1,748 7 0
		1,748 7 0

STATEMENT No. 24. *Preservation of Mss.*

From a Grant received from

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet ...	...	7,300 0 0
		7,300 0 0

STATEMENT No. 25. *Building Repair*

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Balance from last Account ...	...	4,636 11 6
Repairs during the year ...	...	135 9 0
		4,772 4 6

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Fund Account, in Account with R.A.S.B. 1949.

made by the Government of Bengal.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	...	12,066 4 9
Annual grant received during the year	...	10,000 0 0
N. B. Roy's contribution to Provident Fund for the year. ...	...	119 0 0
		22,185 4 9

Fund Account, in Account with R.A.S.B. 1949.

the Rockefeller Foundation.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By grant received from the Rockefeller Foundation of $2,500/-	...	12,000 0 0
		12,000 0 0

Account with R.A.S.B. 1949.

by G. D. Birla.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account ...	...	1,748 7 0
		1,748 7 0

Fund Account, in Account with R.A.S.B. 1949.

the Government of India

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Grant received during the year, ...	...	7,300 0 0
		7,300 0 0

Fund Account, in Account with R.A.S.B. 1949.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Transfer from R.A.S.B, General Fund	...	1,500 0 0
Balance as per Balance Sheet ...	...	3,272 4 6
		4,772 4 6

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STATEMENT No. 26. *Provident Fund Account,*

From contributions by the

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Deposit of Sale proceeds of 3% Conversion Loan, 1946, at Face Value, to Savings Bank ...	...	6,000 0 0
Payments during the Year ...	...	7,690 7 11
Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Rs. 5,200, 3% G. P. Notes, 1963-65	5,200 0 0	
Savings Bank	4,411 10 5	
Advances	676 0 0	
		10,287 10 5
		23,978 2 4

STATEMENT No. 27. *Provident Fund Advances*

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Balance from last Account ...	...	660 0 0
Payments during the year ...	...	928 0 0
		1,588 0 0

STATEMENT No. 28. *Personal*

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Balance from last Account	...	21,313 6 3
Advances	...	1,704 3 9
Amount Written Back, R.A.S.B	...	321 0 0
R.A.S.B. Subscriptions, etc. ...	26,819 0 0	
Book Sales, etc. ...	23,261 3 6	
		50,080 3 6
		73,418 13 6

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in Account with R.A.S.B.

Society and its Staff.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	1949.
By Balance from last Account ...	...	15,613 0 4	
Sale proceeds of Rs. 6000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946, at Face Value. ...	...	6,000 0 0	
Interest realised during the year ...	19 0 0		
Staff Contribution for the year ...	998 12 0		
Society's Contribution for the year ...	998 12 0		
		2,016 8 0	
Interest realised from Savings Bank	...	348 10 0	
		23,978 2 4	

Account, in Account with R.A.S.B.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	1949.
By Refunds during the year	...	912 0 0	
Balance as per Balance Sheet ...	...	676 0 0	
		1,588 0 0	

Account.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As P.	1949.
By Cash Receipt during the year—			
Members' Subscriptions, etc. ...	24,355 0 0		
Book Sales, etc.	23,719 7 0		
Advances	1,122 7 9		
		49,196 14 9	
Contribution to Tagore Portrait Fund	...	5 0 0	
Books returned	...	254 15 0	
Arrears of Members' Subscription written off R.A.S.B. ...	...	1,592 0 0	
Balance as per Balance Sheet ...	...	22,369 15 9	

Outstandings.	Amount due to the Society			Amount due by the Society		
	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
Members ...	16,178	14	0	1,235	13	0
Publications etc.	8,018	15	9	340	0	0
Bill Collector's Deposit ...	...	...	...	100	0	0
Tagore Portrait Fund ...	...	...	...	178	0	0
Miscellaneous ...	373	0	0	347	1	0
	24,570	13	9	2,200	14	0

73,418 13 6

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STATEMENT No. 29. *Publication Fund Account,*

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Proportionate Share for General Expenditure ...	...	2,500 0 0
Books returned ...	...	254 15 0
Journal and Proceedings ...	...	20,233 7 6
Monograph ...	...	3,515 0 0
Stationery & Printing ...	...	2,744 1 0
Advertising ...	...	198 2 3
Introducing India ...	...	500 0 0
Commission ...	...	484 13 6
Bicentenary Volume ...	...	155 7 0
Purchase of Paper ...	...	848 8 0
Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Rs. 40,000, 3% Victory Loan 1957	10,000 0 0	
Surplus at date ...	25,186 13 11	
		35,186 13 11
		66,621 4 2

STATEMENT No. 30. *Discussion Meeting Fund Running*

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet ...	...	32 4 3
		32 4 3

STATEMENT No. 31. *(1) Deposit Account Provident Fund*

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Balance from last Account ...	...	3753 0 4
Sale proceeds of Investment received from Provident Fund Account ...	...	6,000 0 0
Deposit of Interest realized from loans during the year ...	19 0 0	
Deposit of Contributions during the year ...	1,997 8 0	
Deposit of Advances returned ...	912 0 0	
		2,928 8 0
Interest on Investments and from Bank ...		348 10 0
		13,030 2 4

STATEMENT No. 32. *(2) Deposit Account (Fixed*

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Balance from last Account ...		90,000 0 0
		90,000 0 0

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in Account with R.A.S.B. 1949.

		Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P
By Balance from last Account	...	...	30,654 12 2
Grant received during the year	...	...	10,425 0 0
Book Sales		23,261 3 6	
Cash Sale of Publication	...	1,830 12 6	
			25,092 0 0
Interest realised during the year	...	...	299 8 0
Interest from Fixed Deposit	...	...	150 0 0
			66,621 4 2

Account, in Account with R.A.S.B. 1949.

		Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account	...	...	32 4 3
			32 4 3

(Savings Bank Deposit with Imperial Bank of India). *1949.*

		Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P
By Withdrawal for Staff Advances, etc.	...	...	8,618 7 11
Balance as per Balance Sheet	...	...	4,411 10 5
			13,030 2 4

Deposit with Imperial Bank of India). *1949.*

		Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P
By Balance as per Balance Sheet	...	...	90,000 0 0
			90,000 0 0

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STATEMENT No. 33. (3) *Investments*

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Balance from last Account ...	...	3,92,300 0 0
		3,92,300 0 0

FUNDS.	Face Value Rs.	
ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY OF BENGAL		
Permanent Reserve.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946 ...	2,53,700	
3% Conversion Loan, 1946 ...	500	
3% War Loan, 1951-54 ...	5,000	
3% Defence Loan, 1953-55 ...	10,000	
Temporary Reserve.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946 ...	18,000	
4½% Loan, 1955-60 ...	11,400	2,98,600
Oriental Publication Fund No. 1.		
3% War Loan, 1951-54	5,000	
3% Victory Loan, 1957	5,000	
Sanskrit Mss. Fund.		
3% Victory Loan, 1957	5,000	
Barclay Memorial Fund.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	700	
Servants' Pension Fund.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	3,000	
Annandale Memorial Fund.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946 ...	4,000	
Permanent Library Endowment Fund.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946 ...	14,000	
Sir William Jones Memorial Fund.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946 ...	3,000	
Pramathanath Bose Memorial Fund.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946 ...	1,800	
Joy Gobind Law Memorial Fund.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946 ...	3,000	
Calcutta Science Congress Prize Fund.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946 ...	3,000	
Dr. Bruhl Memorial Fund.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946 ...	1,000	
Dr. Bimala Churn Law Gold Medal Fund.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946 ...	8,000	
Sarat Ch. Roy Medal Fund.		
3% Victory Loan, 1957 ...	4,000	
D. P. Khaitan Memorial Medal Fund.		
3% Loan (1970-75) ...	10,000	
Sir Jadunath Medal Fund.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946 ...	8,000	
Publication Fund.		
3% Victory Loan, 1957 ...	10,000	
Provident Fund.		
3% Loan (1963-65) ...	5,200	93,700
		3,92,300

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Account. *1949.*

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
Balance as per Balance Sheet ...	...	3,92,000 0 0
		3,92,000 0 0

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STATEMENT No. 34.

Cash

For the year ended

To	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
Balance from last Account ...	...	55,687 9 3
General Fund Account	...	53,022 15 2
Oriental Publication Fund No. 1 Account	...	7,249 0 0
Oriental Publication Fund No. 2 Account	...	4,075 0 0
Sanskrit Manuscripts Fund Account	...	6,304 8 0
Arabic and Persian Manuscripts Fund Account	...	5,075 0 0
Barclay Memorial Fund Account ...	...	21 0 0
Servants' Pension Fund Account ...	...	89 8 0
Annandale Memorial Fund Account	...	119 8 0
Permanent Library Endowment Fund Account	...	419 4 0
Sir William Jones Memorial Fund Account	...	89 8 0
Framatha Nath Bose Memorial Fund Account	...	53 8 0
Joy Govind Law Memorial Fund Account	...	89 8 0
Calcutta Science Congress Prize Fund Account	...	89 8 0
Dr. Bruhl Memorial Fund Account ...	...	29 12 0
Dr. Bimala Churn Law Gold Medal Fund Account	...	239 8 0
Sarat Ch. Roy Medal Fund Account	...	247 0 0
Durga Prasad Khaitan Medal Fund Account	...	392 12 0
Sir Jadunath Medal Fund Account ...	...	239 8 0
Research Fellowship Fund Account ...	...	7,200 0 0
Historical Publication fund Account	...	10,119 0 0
Preservation of Mss. Fund Account ...	...	7,300 0 0
Rockefeller Grant Fund Account ...	...	12,000 0 0
Provident Fund Account ...	...	2,016 8 0
Advance Account ...	...	912 0 0
Personal Account ...	...	49,201 14 9
Publication Fund Account ...	...	12,705 4 6
Savings Bank Deposit Account, Imperial Bank of India, Calcutta. ...	...	8,618 7 11
		2,43,606 15 7

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Account. *1949.*

31st December, 1949.

By	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
General Fund Account ...	...	91,741 7 2
Oriental Publication Fund No. 1 Account	...	9,381 14 9
Sanskrit Manuscripts Fund Account	...	12,158 4 9
Arabic and Persian Manuscripts Fund Account	...	14 8 0
Servants' Pension Fund Account ...	...	144 0 0
Annandale Memorial Fund Account	...	619 13 0
Durga Prasad Khaitan Medal Fund Account	...	946 5 0
Research Fellowship Fund Account	...	2,529 5 3
Historical Publication Fund Account	...	2,387 14 0
Rockefeller Grant Fund Account ...	...	4,687 8 0
Building Repair Fund Account ...	...	135 9 0
Provident Fund Account	...	7,690 7 11
Advances Account	...	928 0 0
Personal Account	...	1,704 3 9
Publication Fund Account ...	...	28,679 7 3
Savings Bank Deposit Account, Imperial Bank of India. ...	...	2,928 8 0
Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
In hand	...	36 11 3
With the Imperial Bank of India, on Current Account. ...	...	76,843 0 6
		2,43,606 15 7

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STATEMENT No. 35. *Balance*

As at 31st

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	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
General Fund Account ...	...	3,58,768 5 1
Oriental Publication Fund No. 1 Account	...	44,175 12 4
Oriental Publication Fund No. 2 Account	...	3,399 14 2
Sanskrit Manuscripts Fund Account	...	3,910 13 10
Arabic and Persian Manuscripts Fund Account	...	13,970 9 6
Barclay Memorial Fund Account ...	...	917 1 11
Servants' Pension Fund Account ...	...	3,482 4 8
Annandale Memorial Fund Account	...	4,297 11 9
Permanent Library Endowment Fund Account	...	20,975 15 8
Sir William Jones Memorial Fund Account	...	2,821 9 0
Pramatha Nath Bose Memorial Fund Account	...	2,290 10 9
Joy Gobind Law Memorial Fund Account	...	2,828 4 6
Calcutta Science Congress Prize Fund Account	...	3,679 12 7
Dr. Brühl Memorial Fund Account	...	1,418 11 0
Dr. Bimala Churn Law Gold Medal Fund Account	...	8,615 7 9
Sarat Ch. Roy Medal Fund Account	...	4,285 15 10
Durga Prasad Khaitan Medal Fund Account	...	10,276 1 6
Sir Jadunath Medal Fund Account ...	...	8,680 13 0
Dr. Bimala Churn Law Collection Fund Account	...	953 12 6
Research Fellowship Fund Account ...	...	8,544 12 9
Historical Publication Fund Account	...	19,797 6 9
Rockefeller Grant Fund Account ...	...	7,312 8 0
Rajasthani Fund Account ...	...	1,748 7 0
Preservation of Mss. Fund Account ...	...	7,300 0 0
Provident Fund Account ...	...	10,287 10 5
Publication Fund Account ...	...	35,186 13 11
Discussion Meetings Fund Account	...	32 4 3
Personal Account—Sundry Liabilities	...	2,200 14 0
		5,92,160 8 5

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and the appended detailed accounts with the Books and Vouchers presented to us and report that they are in accordance therewith, and, in our opinion, set forth correctly the position of the Society as at 31st December, 1949.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE, PEAT & Co.,
Auditors,
Chartered Accountants,

Calcutta, 18th January, 1950.

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Sheet.

December, 1949.

ASSETS

		Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
Building Repair Fund Account ...		...	3,272 4 6
Advances Account ...		676 0 0	
Personal Account—Outstandings ...		24,570 13 9	
			25,246 13 9
Deposits :—			
Savings Bank Deposit Account, Imperial Bank of India. ...		4,411 10 5	
Fixed Deposit Account, Imperial Bank of India :—			
General Fund	30,000 0 0		
Trust Funds	60,000 0 0		
		90,000 0 0	
			94,411 10 5
Investment Account :—			
General Fund ...		2,98,600 0 0	
Trust Funds ...		93,700 0 0	
			3,92,300 0 0
Cash Account :—			
In hand ...		86 11 3	
With the Imperial Bank of India, on Current Account ...		76,843 0 6	
			76,929 11 9
			5,92,160 8 5

S. C. Law,
Honorary Treasurer.

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[APPENDIX V]

Abstract Proceedings, Council, 1949.

(Rule 48f.)

ACCOMMODATION :—Report giving permission to a member Mr. P. D. Halwasiya, Secretary, Aryavarta Sanskriti Samsad for the use of the Society's Hall for a General lecture by Pandit Rahula Sankrityayana on Tuesday, the 28th December, 1948. Approve, Council No. 16, 18-1-49.

Consideration of a letter from the Hony. Secretary, Mining Geological & Metallurgical Institute of India, Calcutta, requesting permission for the use of the Society's Hall for the Annual General Meeting of that Society on Friday, the 28th, January, 1949. Necessary permission granted. Council No. 17, 18-1-49.

Consideration of a letter of the National Institute of Sciences of India for the use of the hall on the 4th, March, 1949 for their Ordinary General Meeting. Allow free of charge. Council No. 6, 16-2-49.

Consideration of a letter dated 19-2-49 from Mr. O. C. Ganguly for the use of the Society's Hall on 12-4-49 for a meeting of the Rupa-Rasika Sabha. (N. B. :—Permission given in anticipation of Council order). Record. Council No. 4, 21-3-49.

The question of filing an appeal in the Small Causes Court against the intermediate revaluation by the Corporation of Calcutta for raising the taxes of the Society's premises. File appeal. Council No. 12, 12-5-49.

Consideration of the letter of Mr. P. Singh dated 22-8-49 about lending the Hall of the Society for the holding of a meeting by the Goethe Committee. Allow free of charge. Council No. 20, 22-8-49.

Report that the Hall is being placed at the disposal of the Rural Welfare Society, Bengal, on 21-9-49 at 6 p.m. for holding a meeting of that Society in which Hon'ble Sri P. C. Sen will speak on the "Food Problem." Allow on the usual terms and conditions. Council No. 21, 19-9-49.

Consideration of a letter from the Secretary, Mining Geological and Metallurgical Institute of India dated 29th November, 1949 for the use of the Society's Hall for the Institute's meeting on 27th or 28th December. Permission granted on the usual terms. Council No. 5, 14-12-49.

Consideration of a letter from the Secretary, Rural Welfare Society, West Bengal, dated 6-12-49 for the use of the Society's Hall for the occasional lectures of its Society. Regret that such general concession cannot be given. Each application to be considered when received. Council No. 6, 14-12-49.

Consideration of the letter from Sri B. Sen Gupta for the use of the Society's Hall on 17-12-49 for a condolence meeting of the late Khan Bahadur M. Asadullah. Allow without charge. Council No. 20, 14-12-49.

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ACQUISITION OF MSS.—Report on the collection of Mss. by Sri M. B. Das. Pay Rs. 150/- as his commission for Mss. collected by him and assayed and evaluated by Dr. Dutt (Rs. 600/- only). General Secretary to fix his daily allowance during his tour for collection of Mss. Lib. Com. No. 8, 10-5-49. Confirm. Council No. 5, 12-5-49.

Report of a collection of manuscripts from Bhatpara, 24 Parganas, by Sri M. B. Das. (Note :—Sri M. B. Das, for sometime Manuscript Collector of the Society, brought information of a large collection of manuscripts, some illustrated, others fairly old, and a bundle with historical information about the Mughal viceroyalty at Dacca during the reign of Aurangzib, when in April-May last he collected two lots of manuscripts for the Society. With the approval of the General Secretary and also of the President he was requested to bring down the collection to the Society. The lot which he has brought down consists of 86 bundles covering 279 individual copies. The Philological Secretary recommends payment of Rs. 250/- to Sri M. B. Das for the troubles taken). Accept recommendation of the Philological Secretary. Lib. Com. No. 8, 13-9-49. Accept. Council No. 10, 18-9-49.

Consideration of purchase of further manuscripts. (Note :—A lot of 144 Sanskrit Manuscripts, collected from the district of Birbhum, etc. and containing a number of rare and unique items, has been offered for sale to the Society. The Philological Secretary approves of the acquisition of the lot on Rs. 1000/- (Rupees one thousand only) settled at the kind intervention of the President). Approve purchase on Rs. 1000/- (one thousand) only. Lib. Com. No. 9, 13-9-49. Accept. Council No. 10, 19-9-49.

ASSESSMENT.—Consideration of a letter from Messrs. S. K. Sawday & Co. regarding the filing of an appeal against the order of Small Causes Court Judge with the High Court in connection with the revaluation of 1A, Park Street. (Note :—The Corporation issued a notice on the Society intimating that the taxes would be raised to Rs. 5,940/- per annum in place of Rs. 2,832/-, the amount that is being paid now, hence Messrs. Sawday & Co. were engaged to contest that assessment. As a result of that the assessment was reduced to Rs. 3,956/- . As advised by Sawday & Co. the Council decided to file an appeal before the Small Causes Court, the verdict of the Small Causes Court was against the Society. Hence the matter had to be taken to the High Court. Appeal had already been filed in anticipation of the Council's sanction and the item was placed before the last Council and is being resubmitted for approval of the action taken. Maximum costs of the appeal in the two Courts will not exceed Rs. 700/- in all. Formal letter to that effect will be forwarded to this office shortly.) Before further costs are incurred for the Paper Book, etc. Messrs. S. K. Sawday & Co. be requested to obtain instructions from the General Secretary. Council No. 3, 14-12-49.

BIBLIOTHECA INDICA.—Consideration of the question of the grant of the travelling allowance to Pt. Bhabatosh Bhattacharya who is editing Dānasāgara of Ballālasena. Pay a lump sum of Rs. 50/- as a special case. One half to be paid in February, 1949 and the balance on completion of the work. Fin. Com. No. 11, 12-1-49. Confirm. Council No. 8, 18-1-49.

Consideration of an application from Pt. Bhabatosh Bhattacharya requesting payment of the balance of Rs. 25/- out of Rs. 30/- and increasing the travelling allowance. (Circ. No. 120). Balance of Rs. 25/- be paid as soon as the Mss. is submitted. Regret inability to increase the allowance. Pub. Com. No. 4, 15-6-49. Confirm. Council No. 6, 21-6-49.

Consideration of the question of printing of "Maathir-ul Umarā" as translated by Dr. Baini Prasad and revised by Dr. H. R. Gupta. (Note :—According to recommendation of the Bibliotheca Indica Committee of 8th September, the Mss. was sent to Dr. Hariram Gupta for revision as per suggestions of Sir Jadunath Sarkar, which were accepted by the B. I. Com. of 8-9-49.) Send to press if Sir Jadunath approves. Lib. Com. No. 4 (2), 13-9-49. Council No. 12, 19-9-49.

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A letter from Dr. D. C. Sircar dated 19-3-49 intimating his inability to edit "Des'āvalīvivṛti" at present for Bibliotheca Indica Series of the Society (Circular No. 67). Refer to Dr, R. C. Majumdar for suggesting a competent editor. B. I. Com. No. 4, 6-4-50. Accept. Dr. R. C. Majumdar's selection will be final. Council No, 4, 21-4-50,

Reconsideration of the question of publication of the "Des'āvalīvivṛti" in view of the new facts brought to light by the recent researches of Prof. D. C. Bhattacharyya. The book is not be published by the Society. Council No. 15, 13-7-49.

Consideration of the question of publication of translation of the "Prajñāpāramita" as prepared by Mr. Edward Conze. (Circ. No. 100). May be published. Complete Mss. to be procured from the author and enquiries to be made if he expects any remuneration. Bib. Ind. Com. No. 7, 10-5-49. Confirm. Council No. 3, 12-5-49,

Consideration of the question of the printing of "4th Stabaka of Vidhānapārijāta" as edited by Pt. Iswar Chandra Sastri (Pañchatīrtha). (Circ. No. 104). Put up next time with a note from the Philological Secretary and obtain quotations from other presses. Bib. Ind. Com. No. 5, 10-5-49. Confirm. Council No. 3, 12-5-49.

Consideration of the question of the printing of "4th Stabaka of Vidhānapārijāta" as edited by Pt. Iswar Chandra Sastri (Pañchatīrtha). Publish, but invite quotations from other Presses before finally selecting a Press for printing. Accept Dr. Dutt's suggestion about publishing an Appendix Volume giving references to the quotations in all the Stabakas. Dr. Dutt to suggest the name of a scholar for this work. Bib. Ind. Com. No. 2, 6-7-49. Confirm. Council No. 4, 13-7-49.

Consideration of the quotations from different presses regarding printing of the "4th Stabaka of Vidhānāparijāta" as edited by Pt. Iswar Chandra Sastri (Pañchatirtha), Accept the tender of Metropolitan Printing and Publishing House, Ltd., for printing 500 copies of the 4th Stabaka of Vidhānapārijāta in the Bibliotheca Indica Series. Target date for completion of printing must be fixed with a default clause imposing penalty. Bib. Ind. Com. No. 2, 18-8-49. Confirm. Council No, 17, 22-8-49.

Publication Committee at its meeting held on 9-3-49 considered the question of reprinting "Tabaqat-i-Akbari," Vol. I and recommended : Place it before the Finance Committee. 750 copies be printed if funds permit. The question of publication by a private firm on realisation of royalty also to be considered in this connection. Finance Committee of 15-3-49 recommended : Sanction. The Council of 21-3-49 ordered : Refer back to Finance Committee for further opinion. The Bibliotheca Indica Committee of 6-4-50 reconsidered this question and recommended : Print 750 copies. Council of 21-4-50 accepted this recommendation.

Consideration of a letter from Mr. J. Chaube, suggesting revision of the book "Tabaqat-i-Akbari" before reprinting. Refer the matter to Sir Jadunath Sarkar for opinion and if approved by him quotations are to be obtained from presses and to be put up again. Bib. Ind. Com. No. 9, 10-5-49. Confirm. Council No. 4, 12-5-49.

Consideration of a letter from Sir Jadunath Sarkar stating that the book "Tabaqat-i-Akbari" (English translation, Vol. I) should be reprinted only after revision. (Circ. No. 117). Request Sir Jadunath Sarker to suggest a scholar who would undertake the work of revision and the terms that should be offered to him. Pub. Com. No. 3, 15-6-49, Confirm. Council No. 6, 21-6-49.

Consideration of a letter from Raja Ganda Singh suggesting that important and authoritative historical books should be published in Hindi. He wants permission to translate "Maasir-i-Alamgiri" in Hindi and to get it published, (Circ. No. 101). Permission may be given on condition that due

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acknowledgment is made and that 6 copies of book when printed are presented to this Society. Bib. Ind. Com. No. 7, 10-5-49. Confirm. Council No. 3, 12-5-49.

Consideration of a letter from Dr. M. Ghosh requesting extension of the new rate of honorarium for translating publication of Bibliotheca Indica Series (Rs. 4/- per printed page) to his case. (Note :—The work of editing "Nāṭyas'āstra' was entrusted to Dr. M. Ghosh on January, 1945. At that time the rate of honorarium was Rs. 3/- per printed page. The new rate (i. e. Rs. 4/- per printed page) was introduced by the Council — vide Council Order No. 17 of 21-11-47). Pay Dr. M. Ghosh at the rate of Rs. 4/- per printed page. Bib. Ind. Com. No. 4 (1), 13-9-49. Pay Rs. 300/- on account of editing fees and the question of applying the new rate be referred back to the Bibliotheca Indica Committee for consideration along with all the similar cases indicating the financial implications. Council No. 12, 19-9-49.

BUILDING—Consideration of the steps to be taken for commencement of construction of the New Building for the Society in place of the existing one. (Note :—The total area belonging to the Society is about 2 bighas, 14 cottahs and 12 chtks., out of which 12 cottahs, 0 chtks., 12 sq, ft. has been leased out to Messrs. Standard Vacuum Oil Company, and 6 cottahs, 12 chtks. is in the occupation of Messrs. Lakhiraj Shewakaram & Co. The lease with the first Company is due to expire on 1-12-49, and that with the second Company on 4-10-54. In 1947 at the request of the then President, Messrs. Ballardie Thompson & Matthews submitted estimates amounting to about 21 lacs for a building of 2 storeys and further added that Rs. 8,30,000/- will be needed for adding two more storeys. The estimates will have to be prepared anew because Ballardie Thompson & Matthews left out the land leased out to the Standard Vacuum Oil Company. Order : A Special Committee comprising President, General Secretary, Treasurer, Mr. Bernard Matthews and Sir Biren Mukherjee be formed to consider this matter thoroughly and report before the meeting of the next Council. Council No. 7, 28-8-49.

Consideration of the steps to be taken for the construction of the New Building. Mr. Bernard Mathews be requested to find out if any Bank or Insurance Company would be prepared to finance the scheme. Building Committee No. 1, 10-11-49. The notice about the termination of the Lease served on Messrs. Standard Vacuum Oil Co. with effect from 1-12-49 approved ; action taken so far in this connection is also approved. President is authorised to take all necessary steps towards furthering the new building proposal. Council No. 14, 16-11-49.

The Building Committee of 7-12-49 recommended : If financial accommodation may be arranged for from a Bank or Insurance Company it will be desirable to take steps to draw upon the Reserve Fund. Mr. Mathews has already made enquiries of the Chartered Bank of India. Mr. Mathews is requested to enquire of the Chartered Bank of India whether the Bank would agree to advance 3 lacs of rupees at a low rate of interest, and in that case the Society would consider their proposal to let out the ground floor of the proposed buildings for the Bank at a reasonable rate of rent. To be considered further on receipt of details. The Council of 14-12-49 accepted this recommendation,

CATALOGUES—The Bibliotheca Indica Committee of 9-3-49 considered the question of payment to Pt. Nanigopal Banerjee for revising and editing Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit Mss., Vol. XII, Jaina, prepared by MM. H. P. Shastri (Circular No. 46) and recommended that (a) Rs. 600/- be paid to him in full settlement of his claim and that (b) Dr. N. Dutt be requested to suggest a concrete scheme to prepare a Catalogue of Jaina Mss. with the help of the slips prepared by Pandit Nani Gopal Banerjee. Confirm. Council No. 9, 21-3-49.

Consideration of a letter from Dr. N. Dutt, Philological Secretary, suggesting the name of a scholar for editing Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit

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Mss. (Jaina). (Circ. No. 78). Appoint Sri Ajit R. Bhattacharya for revision and preparation of the copy for Press and for seeing it through the Press. He is to be paid Rs. 2/- per printed page as editor's fee. Bib. Ind. Com. No. 4, 10-5-49. Confirm. Council No. 3, 12-5-49.

B. I. Com. of 6-4-49 considered the question of publication of a Descriptive Catalogue of the Vernacular Mss. in the collection of the Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal, Supplementary Vol. IX as prepared by Sri Prafulla Chandra Pal and recommended : General Secretary to request the Cataloguer to write an Introduction containing the scope and plan of the Catalogue and put up at the next meeting with the same. Council of 21-4-49 accepted this recommendation.

Consideration of the question of publication of Descriptive Catalogue of the Vernacular Mss. in the Catalogue of the R. A. S. B., Supplementary, Vol. IX, as prepared by Sri Prafulla Chandra Pal. Refer to Dr. Sukumar Sen for opinion. Pub. Com. No. 5, 13-9-49. Accept. Council No. 11, 19-9-49.

Consideration of the question of printing of the Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit Mss. Miscellaneous, Vol. XIV, as prepared by Prof. Chintaharan Chakravarti. May be printed. Alliance Press quotation to be accepted after getting an assurance from them about a time limit, and also after getting a sample page (as a specimen of printing) approved by the President. Bib. Ind. Com. No. 6, 10-5-49. Confirm. Council No. 3, 12-5-49.

Report of the completion of the Catalogue of Rajasthani Manuscripts in the Society's Library by Sri V. B. Trivedi. (Note : The collection consists of 540 items, mostly of bardic poetry, valuable both for their literary quality as well as for the data they supply regarding the history of Rajasthan. For the history of Rajasthani literature also the collection is important as it brings to light many new poets of Rajasthan, otherwise unknown. There are also a number of lexicographical works the publication of which would greatly facilitate the study of Rajasthani Dingal literature. A number of illustrated manuscripts in the collection gives an idea of the state of folk painting in Rajasthan in the 18th and 19th centuries.) 1. Mr. Trivedi to prepare an Introduction to the Catalogue. 2. Librarian to prepare a note about the source of the copies of manuscripts. 3. Report be recorded. Lib. Com. No. 3, 6-7-49, Confirm. Council No 6, 13-7-49.

Question of the extension of the service of Sri Narendra Chandra Vedantatirtha and Sri Pulin Behari Chakravarti as Cataloguers of Mss. Recommend extension till the end of July, 1949. Reports are to be called from the two Pandits whether they are working elsewhere, and if so, its nature and terms. Reports are also to be furnished on work that remain to be finished. Lib. Com. No. 9, 10-5-49. Confirm. Council No. 5, 12-5-49.

Consideration of the statement showing Catalogue of Mss. so far completed and ready for the Press, with estimates from different Presses. (1) The Catalogue should include both the Indian Museum and R. A. S. B. Collections. (2) Recommend to Council that in modification of previous resolutions Librarian be placed in charge of the supervision of the progress aed method of cataloguing and publication. (3) Special Committee comprising the following be formed for framing rules in this connection : President, Two Philological Secretaries, Librarian and General Secretary. Pub. Com. No. 6, 6-7-49. Confirm. Council No. 3, 13-7-49.

Rules of procedure regarding the preparation & publication of Descriptive Catalogue of Mss. in the society's Library. Approve as amended by the Sub-Committees (Rules given below). Lib. Com. No. 12, 17-8-49. Confirm. Council No. 14, 22-8-49.

Rules regarding the Preparation & Publication of Descriptive Catalogue of Mss.—The aim of every Catalogue should be to convey an adequate and authentic idea of the contents of every Manuscript Collection in order to render it as a whole accessible to every student. Each item of information should be concisely described, specified & made traceable.

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For a better understanding of the Catalogue and an easier utilisation of the resources of the different Manuscript Collections the Catalogue of the various collections have to be uniform as far as practicable. For the sake of uniformity and as a safeguard against omissions of important information it is desirable to draw up a schedule dealing with the items of information that are likely to be found in a Manuscript copy and it is hoped that these items should be particularly looked for and incorporated in all future catalogues in the order given in the Schedule. It is expected also that all information concerning the Manuscript copy should be carefully separated, as far as possible, from that about the work itself. A uniform system of trans literation preferably the J. R. A. S. system should also be decided upon for each of the Sanskritic and Islamic sections in consultation with the two Philological Secretaries and this system should be followed in all publications of the Society. The *Introduction* to each volume of the Catalogue should also preferably be confined to a brief review of that particular section indicating its special features and important points. There should be two *indices* — (1) Title, (2) Author. Each volume of the Catalogue may also contain facsimiles of pages of important manuscripts.

Procedure.—As a practical proposition the manuscripts of the texts of different classes have to be picked out and separated and a list prepared of them. Where no Accession Register is available a new Accession Register has to be prepared. For reasons of simplification the new Accession Register may follow the sequence of the classification list. In cases where Accession Registers are available all emendations and corrections, that are arrived at on a close scrutiny of the manuscripts, have to be incorporated in the Registers.

Every attempt should be made to indentify the text of a manuscript where the title is missing.

The main classes, as set forth in the Catalogues, already published, may be retained for the sake of convenience. But when a Collection has only a few copies of a particular class that class may go, but as a separate and distinct entity, with another of an allied class.

Within each class the different systems should be separately treated each sub-divided according to its different schools, A particular work, its commentaries and sub-commentaries or any dissertations on it should always go together.

Below is given a *Schedule* datailing the items of information to be incorporated and the order of their entries :—

1. *Serial Number.*—(This means the number in the Accession Register of manuscripts. The Catalogue mark, which depends on the order of entry of each work, has to be withheld till the final stage. When two or more works have got the same number, each work should be separated by using A, B, etc. after the number concerned. Where there are different collection each with a separate serial number, some symbol or abbreviation, indicating a particular collection, has to be used to avoid confusion).

2. *Title.*—(Separate entry for each separate work should be the rule even when two or more works come under a single number).

3. *Author of the bigger work.*—of which it forms a part, the latter item within brackets.

4. *Physical description.*—(Substance : Size and number of folios : Lines in a page : Extent, in case of important manuscripts : Script : Appearance : Statement whether complete or incomplete).

5. *Date of copying.*—(When explicitly stated the date with the particular era must be cited with its equivalent in the Christian era. In the latter, i.e., in the equivalent in the Christian era, it is a practical policy to give the year only, omitting the day or the month given in the original as the calculation may sometimes lead to uncertainties).

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6. *Extracts at the beginning.*—(This may be omitted in case of well-known texts and of those which have been published often. But new or better readings even in case of such works should be given).

(In this respect the principle should be to quote till the main topic of the text is introduced. If such extracts are too lengthy, the usual matter of a stereotyped nature should be omitted with proper indications for such omissions. Not infrequently the passages at the beginning give an idea of the contents of the work and such passages should be fully quoted. To avoid duplication where such cases occur item No. 9 below may simply be referred to No. 6. The colophons to the different chapters or sections also refer to the subject matter of discussion and such colophons have to be fully extracted and item No. 9 referred to such extracts. Complete extracts should also be the rule where the text gives a description of the author).

7. *Extracts at the end with the last colophon.*—(A description of the author or of the text is sometimes appended at the end and such has to be fully quoted).

N. B.—In any case no important information concerning the text or the author, wherever they occur, can be left out.

The quotations must be "true copies" of their originals with all the peculiarities of orthography and mistakes preserved in tact. In no case can the violation of this principle be justified. All emendations, if indispensable, have to be given within brackets.

8. *Post-colophon Statement.*—(All information connected with the transcription of the copy should be fully quoted).

9. *A brief note on the contents and subject matter of the work.*

10. *Appraisal of the work or of the copy.*—(In this section all information regarding the importance of the text, rarity of the copy and such other purely objective information of interest to scholars are to be incorporated).

The above is merely a general plan and within this the Cataloguers may use their discretion as occasion demands.

Printing.—When the Catalogue is being done class by class it is desirable to publish each class as it is complete.

On the completion of the Catalogue of a particular class it must have the approval of the Philological Secretary concerned before it can be placed for publication. The Librarian will place the Catalogue, with the opinion of the Philological Secretary, before the Library Committee, the Publication Committee and the Council and when finally accepted for publication the Catalogue may be sent to the Press.

In a serial publication of this kind it is desirable to have a standard type face for each item of information and standard spacing between the lines and between the different items of information. The Catalogue has to be printed in Royal Octavo, the printed surface covering 24 em. and the spacing should be as in the specimen enclosed. For the sake of economy, however, the type faces should be as follows :—

1.	Catalogue Mark	...	14 point : one line.
2.	Manuscript No.	...	12 point : } one line if possible
3.	Title : Nāgara	...	14 point : } one line if possible
4.	Author (item 3 of schedule)	...	10 point : Cap. one line
5.	Physical description & date (items 7 & 5 of schedule)	...	8 point.

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6. Description : Roman ... ... 10 point :

Extracts—Nagara ... ... 10 point :

7. Introduction :

English—Roman ... ... 10 point :

8. Index : Nagara ... ... 10 point :
In double col.

These details about the Catalogue of manuscripts in the Islamic Section have to be settled in consultation with the Press.

The Lib. Com. of 6-7-49 considered the report as to the progress of Cataloguing of Mss. and printed books in the Library and recommended : 1. In the Descriptive Catalogue of Mss. include Mss. of I. M. as well as R. A. S. B. Collections ; 2. Librarian be placed in-charge of the preparation of catalogues of Mss. and their publication ; 3. Rules and procedure of cataloguing to be drawn up by a Committee consisting of the President, Two Philological Secretaries, General Secretary and the Librarian ; 4. A comprehensive scheme of Cataloguing of Mss. Sanskrit, Arabic and Persian be drawn up ; 5. The services of Pandits N. C. Vedantatirtha and P. B. Chakravarti be continued on the same terms and conditions as heretofore, for three months more on the expiry of the present term, (i. e. upto 31st. October, 1949) ; 6. Catalogue cards of printed books (arrear work) be typed by appointing temporary typists on contract basis. Confirm. Council No. 6, 13-7-49.

The question of extension of the services of Pandit N. C. Vedantatirtha and Sri Pulinbihari Chakravarti, Cataloguers, Sanskrit Mss. Section, whose terms of service will expire on 31-7-49. Recommended : Services be extended up to 31-10-49 as recommended by the Library Committee. Temporary Fixed Deposit of Rs. 5000/- under the Sanskrit Mss. Fund be not continued beyond the present period for meeting the liabilities incurred. Fin. Com. No. 6 (a), 11-7-49. Confirm. Council No. 7, 13-7-49.

Report that the terms of appointment of Pandits N. C. Vedantatirtha and P. C. Chakravarti, Cataloguers, Sanskrit Mss., expired on 31-10-49. Lib. Com of 9-11-49 recommended :—(1) Extend upto 31-12-49 after which the services of both shall terminate; (2) Librarian to prepare a note and (3) A Committee consisting of President, the General Secretary, Treasurer, Two Philological Secretaries, Dr. R. C. Majumdar and Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi to report to the Council on future programme of work. Council of 16-11-49 accepted the recommendation and authorised the above Committee to sit as a Selection Committee with liberty to issue advertisements inviting applications from properly qualified persons for one post of Curator of Sanskrit Mss. and one Cataloguer of Arabic & Persian Mss. and to report to the Council direct.

The Lib. Com. of 9-11-49 considered a scheme of cataloguing of Mss. comprising all sections of the Library and recommended : (1) Librarian to prepare a note ; (2) A committee consisting of the President, the General Secretary, the Treasurer, two Philological Secretaries, Dr. R. C. Majumdar and Dr. M.Z. Siddiqi to report to Council on the future programme of work. Accept. Council 11 (a), 16-11-49

Consideration of the minutes of the Selection Committee for the appointment of a Curator of Sanskrit Mss. and of a Cataloguer of Arabic & Persian Mss. dated 12-12-49 : (1) *Curator of Sanskrit manuscripts* : Appoint Sri Pulin Bihari Chakravarti, M. A., Sankhyatirtha, Vyakaranatirtha as Curator of Sanskrit manuscripts for a term of five years on a starting salary of Rs. 220/- only per month, in the grade of Rs. 200-20-300/- per mensem, plus the usual D. A., but no Provident Fund, terminable on three months notice on either side; (2) *Cataloguer of Arabic and Persian* manuscripts, Call Janab G. S. Figar and Janab Mukhtaruddin Ahmad Arzoo for interview on the 3rd January, 1950, at 5 p. m. Council No. 13A, 18-12-49.

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CHANGE OF NAME.—Consideration of a letter from Govt. of India, Ministry of Education, regarding the deletion of the word 'Royal' and substitution of the word 'Asian' in the name of the Society. (Circular No. 207). Order : (a) The word 'Royal' is to be dropped from the name "The Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal" and (b) the name is to be changed to "The Asiatic Society" only. Issue voting paper to all Members including non-resident Members, under Rule 64. Council No. 3, 16-11-49.

COPPER-PLATES.—Report of acquisition of a copper-plate inscription of *Sridharana Rata* collected by Sri Pulin Behari Chakravarty. Approve action taken. Lib. Com. No. 13, 17-8-49. Confirm. Council No. 14, 22-8-49.

COUNCIL.—Letter from Dr. K. N. Bagchi, General Secretary, about leave of absence with effect from 20-5-49 to 2-6-49 and again one month more with effect from 7-6-49. Record. Dr. N. Dutt (Philological Secretary) to officiate as General Secretary from 20-5-49 to 2-6-49 and Dr. Nihar-ranjan Ray (Library Secretary) from 7-6-49 until further orders during the absence on leave of Dr. K. N. Bagchi. Council No. 11, 21-6-49.

Report from the Secretary to the effect that Rai Bahadur J. M. Sen acted as Treasurer from 16-6-49 to 4-7-49 during the absence of Dr. S. C. Law, Treasurer, from Calcutta, in continuation of the previous period from 12-5-49 to 15-6-49. Record. The Council approves the arrangement and action taken at the direction of the President. Council No. 25, 13-7-49.

Letter from Dr. S. C. Law, Treasurer, with effect from 20-9-49 to 15-11-49 both days inclusive. Dr. J. L. Bhaduri is to officiate as the Treasurer in place of Dr. S. C. Law for the period 20-9-49 to 15-11-49. Council No. 24, 22-8-49.

Letter from Dr. K. N. Bagchi resigning his office as General Secretary with effect from 8th October, 1949. President's action appointing Dr. N. R. Ray to officiate as the General Secretary *vice* Dr. K. N. Bagchi resigned with effect from 8-10-49 approved. Dr. K. P. Biswas is appointed to act as the Library Secretary in place of Dr. N. R. Ray appointed to officiate as the General Secretary and Dr. J. N. Banerjea is appointed as an Ordinary Member of the Council *vice* Dr. K. P. Biswas appointed as a Library Secretary. Refer the matter of filling up of these vacancies to the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting to be held in December under Rule 45. Council No. 2, 16-11-49.

EXCHANGE.—Letter from the Dept. of Fine Arts, Bangkok, Siam, requesting the Society to exchange their Journal with our publications. Exchange with Arts Journal (Letters). Lib. Com. No. 13, 9-3-49. Accept. Council 8, 21-3-49.

Letter from the University Library, Lund, to establish exchange relation with their Proceedings. Recommend approval of the establishment of exchange relationship. Lib. Com. No. 4, 6-4-49, Accept. Council No. 8, 21-4-49.

Letter from the Societe de L'histoire des Colonies Francaises, Paris, to subscribe to their Journal. Suggest exchange. Lib. Com. No. 3, 6-4-49. Accept. Council No. 9, 21-4-49.

Letter from the Secretary, Calcutta Review, to establish exchange relation with our Journal. Recommended that establishment of fresh exchange relationship is not necessary as the Calcutta University publications are already in the exchange list of the Society. Lib. Com. No. 7, 6-4-49. Accept. Council No. 6, 21-4-49.

Request from the Editor, University of Colorado Studies Series in Anthropology for an exchange of the above series with R. A. S. B. Anthropological publications. Accept. Lib. Com. No. 4, 10-5-49. Confirm. No. 5, 12-5-49.

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Request from the Director, Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, Anaheim, California, for an exchange of their Journal, ELALISO, with the Society's Journal. (Circular No. 97). Lib. Com. 5, 10-5-49. Confirm. Council No. 5, 12-5-49.

Request from Institute di Entomologie, Bologne, for an exchange of their Bulletin, Belletino Dell' Institute di Entomologie Dell' Universita Degli Studi Di, Bologne. Accept. Lib. Com. No. 10, 10-5-49. Confirm. Council No. 5, 12-5-49.

Request from Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia for an exchange of their Journal Revista Brasileiro de Geografico, with the Society's Journal. Accept. Lib. Com. 11, 10-5-49. Confirm. Council No. 5, 12-5-49.

Letter from Govt. of India, Ministry of Education, regarding mutual exchange of publications of Anthropology, Archaeology, Natural Science between this Society and the Brazillian Govt. through Govt. of India. Approve. Lib. Com. 12, 10-5-49. Confirm. Council No. 12, 12-5-49.

Request from Mathematisk-Naturvetenskapliga Biblioket, Stockholm, Sweden, for an exchange of the Society's Journal, Science, with their dissertations in Natural Sciences written in English, French or German. Approve exchange with Journal, Science part. Lib. Com. No. 3, 13-9-49. Accept. Council No. 10, 19-9-49.

Request from Sri B. M. Agrawal for establishing exchange of the Society's Journal with those of the Nagri Pracharini Sabha (Banaras) and the Hindi Sahitya Sammelan (Allahabad). Approve exchange with Journal, Letters part, Lib. Com. No. 4, 9-11-49. Accept. Council No. 11 (a), 16-11-49.

Request from Ethnologisches Institut der Universitat Leipzig for exchange of publications of the Society with their publications. Allow exchange with Journal, Science part. Lib. Com. No. 11, 8-12-49. Accept. Council No. 13, 14-12-49.

Recommendation from Dr. J. N. Banerjea for establishing exchange of the Journal of the Society with the Journal of the American Numismatic Society. Approve exchange with Journal, Letters part. Lib. Com. No. 12, 8-12-49. Accept. Council No. 13, 14-12-49.

Request from Musee Zoologique Polonais Varsovie (Paloguy) for an exchange of Society's Journal with their serial publications (1) Annales Musei Zoologiei Polonici (2) Fragments Faunistica Musee Zoologici Polonici and (3) Acta Ornithologica Musei Zoologici Polonici. Allow exchange with Journal, Letters, Science & Yearbook. Lib. Com. No. 15 (a), 8-12-49. Accept. Council No. 13, 14-12-49.

GRANTS & DONATIONS.—Consideration of a letter from Mr. Charles B. Fahs, Associate Director for Humanities, the Rockefeller Foundation, New York, regarding the proposal that the Rockefeller Institution may render financial assistance for the preparation and publication of a treatise by Srijukta Ragini Devi if this Society sponsors such a scheme. (Circular No. 69). Inform Mr. Fahs that the Society would sponsor the scheme as indicated in his letter. Council No. 2, 21-4-50.

Consideration of the letter from Mr. C. B. Fahs, Associate Director for the Humanities, the Rockefeller Foundation, New York, intimating that a grant-in-aid of $2,500.00 as financial assistance for the preparation and publication of a treatise on dancing by Srijukta Ragini Devi has been sanctioned. (Circ. No. 119). Accept with thanks. Propose whole grant to be remitted. To be kept when received in a separate Account in the Bank. Detailed scheme to be framed after a reply has been received from Srijukta Ragini Devi. Council No. 2, 21-6-49.

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Report regarding the sanction of two non-recurring grants of Rs. 7,300/- and Rs. 10,000/- respectively by the Govt. of India, Ministry of Education (vide letter No. F. 41-51/49D.3 dated 3rd August, 1949) from the Under Secretry, Govt. of India, Ministry of Education, New Delhi. (Circ. No. 151). General Secretary to convey thanks to the Government. A Special Committee comprising President, General Secretary, Treasurer and Library Secretary, be formed to prepare detailed schemes about proper utilisation of both the grants. On receipt of the grant of Rs. 10,000/-, credit Rs. 1,675/- to the O. P. No. 2 Fund and the balance to the General Publication Fund. Council No. 11, 22-8-49.

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP.—Application for Institutional membership from Delhi College, Delhi. Accept. Council No. 17 (iii), 21-4-49.

Letter from the Asst. Secretary to the Legislative Assembly, United Provinces, regarding the nomination of the United Provinces Legislative Assembly Library as Institutional Member of the Society. Accept. Council No. 7, 19-11-49.

Letter from the Station Director, All-India Radio Govt. of India, regarding the discontinuance of its Institutional membership of the Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal. Resignation cannot be accepted before the arrears for 1949 are paid. Council No. 8, 19-11-49.

LEASE.—Consideration of the question of terminating the Lease granted to the Standard Vacuum Oil Company in respect of premises No 1A, Park Street, Calcutta. (Note :—In 1939 (1-12-39) the Lease in favour of the Standard Vacuum Oil Company was renewed. The period of the lease will be over on 1st. December, 1949. In pursuance of the terms of the lease the lessors are entitled to terminate the lease by serving only two months notice on the lessees but it is better to have the notice served as early as possible so that the lessees may not raise the plea of insufficient notice. The relevant clause from the Lease deed in this connection is quoted : (b) If for any cause whatsoever the lessor shall require the said demised premises for its own use within the said period of ten years and the lessor shall have the option to re-enter the land hereby demised together with all buildings and works erected thereon upon giving two calendar months' notice in writing to the lessee and upon such notice the lessee will be bound to deliver up quiet and vacant possession of the said land hereby demised together with all buildings and works thereon to the lessor immediately on the expiry of the said period of two months and the lessor shall be entitled to take possession of the demised premises with all structures thereon without being liable in any way to pay any compensation to the lessee or any one claiming by through or under the lessee upon serving two calendar months' previous notice in writing as aforesaid to the lessee.) A Special Committee comprising President, General Secretary, Treasurer, Mr. Bernard Matthews and Sir Biren Mukherjee be formed to consider this matter thoroughly and report before the meeting of the next Council. Council No. 6, 22-8-49.

Consideration of the question of serving notice to Messrs. Standard Vacuum Oil Company for vacating the plot of land belonging to the Society now under their occupation or the question of renewal of the lease under which that Company is in occupation. Secretary to take necessary steps in consultation with the President. Council No. 20, 19-9-49.

LIBRARY.—Consideration of a letter from the Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Education, New Delhi, whether Society is willing to be designated as UNESCO Depository Library. (Circular No. 39). General Secretary authorised to write in the affirmative to the Secretary, Govt. of India, Ministry of Education, New Delhi. Lib. Com. No. 9, 9-3-49. Accept. Council No. 8, 21-3-49.

Report from Mrs. Serapia Bhattacharya that the following books lent to her had been lost at the time of the Panjab riots : (1) Bar Hebraeus. Book of the Dove. (2) Atrocities — Macedoines. (3) Francke-Kalabatah. Recom

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mend realisation of the costs of replacement from Mrs. Bhattacharya in consideration of the rarity of the volumes lost. Prices should be ascertained from the necessary publishing concerns and old book dealers. Lib. Com. No. 5, 6-4-49, Ascertain first the prices of the three books lent to Mrs. Bhattacharya and then request per to pay the cost of replacement. Council No. 6, 21-4-49.

Letter from Pandit Viswanath Sastri regarding his resolution in the Monthly Meeting of 2-9-49 for taking proper action by the Society for preservation of Sanskrit works lying in Germany. Write to Govt. of India for information whether it is possible to get back from Germany books and manuscripts originally taken away from India. Lib. Com. No. 7, 10-5-49. Confirm, Council No. 5, 12-5-49.

Steps to be taken for completing the stock-taking. General Secretary to make temporary arrangements to complete the work within one month at a cost not exceeding Rs. 200/- only. Lib. Com. No. 13, 15-6-49. Accept. Council No. 8, 21-6-49.

Report that on the recommendation of Dr. N. Ray, Library Secretary, Sri Kamakhya Prasad Banerjee, has been entrusted with the work of completing the stocktaking of the Library. (Note :— 1. The whole work to be completed on contract basis, i.e on Rs. 500/- only within three months. If more time is required that will be counted within the contract. The payment will be due on completion of the work. 2. He will be given the assistance of one bearer and will be supplied with the necessary stationery. 3. He will further be given facilities to work on Sundays and holidays). Approve. Lib. Com. No. 11, 13-9-49. Accept. Council No. 10, 19-9-49.

Request from Prof. A. S. Altekar, Chairman, Numismatic Society of India, for permission to reproduce plates of coins published in the Society's Journal in a standard work on Indian Numismatics, to be published by the Numismatic Society of India, and in Vols. III and IV of the History of India, to be published by the Indian History Congress. (Note :—No particulars of the plates have been supplied. There should be no objection in granting the permission as Prof. Altekar assures that proper acknowledgment will be made. Request may further be made for complimentary copies of the proposed publications for the Society's library). Grant on due acknowledgment. Request for specifications of plates required and for complimentary copies of the proposed publications for the Society's Library. Lib. Com. 17, 17-8-49. Confirm. Council No, 14, 22-8-49.

LOAN OF MSS. AND COPPER PLATES. ETC.—Request from the Librarian, Allahabad University Library, for the loan of our Persian Ms. No. 100 "Tarikh-i-Khanjahani wa Makhzan-Afghani" (Valuation Rs. 250/-). Loan sanctioned on usual terms. Lib. Com, No. 5, 9-3-49. Accept. Council No. 8, 21-3-49.

Application from Pandit N. Vedantatirtha for the loan of the Ms. "Vivaraṇa-prameyasaṃgraha" (valuation Rs. 200/-). Recommend lending on usual terms, the loanee to furnish an indemnity bond of Rs. 200/- only. Lib. Com. No. 6, 6-4-49. Accept. Council No. 8, 21-4-49.

Request from Sri Ashutosh Bhattacharya for loan of two manuscripts of Vipradāsa's "Manasā Maṅgal" (Nos. G. 3529 and G. 2530) from the Society's Library. Lend on usual conditions for a fortnight only against indemnity bonds of Rs. 200/-and Rs. 300/-. Inform that the Society intends bringing out an edition of the above text. Lib. Com. No. 3, 10-5-49. Confirm. Council No. 5, 12-5-49.

Letter from Raja P. N, Tagore for a loan of "Numismata Orientalia" by Marsden, Vols. I & II which is a rare book. Lend on conditions applicable to Mss. Council No. 8, 12-5-49,

Letter of the Vishva Bhārati for the loan of a book "Iran in the Ancient East" which is a rare book. Lend for one month on conditions applicable to Mss. Council No. 15, 12-5-49,

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Letter from Pandit P. B. Chakravarti requesting loan of the copperplate of Bhavadeva collected by him for the Society's Library. As a rule copperplates be not lent out. Estampages may, however, be given. Lib. Com. No. 19, 15-6-49. Accept. Council No. 8, 21-6-49.

Requisition from the Librarian, Lytton Library, Muslim University, Aligarh, for a loan of manuscripts of *Half Iqlim* by Amin Ahmad Nazi. Lend on usual conditions for a fortnight only against an indemnity bond of Rs. 400/-. Confirm. Council No. 5, 12-5-49.

Request from Dr. V. Raghavan, member, for loan of the manuscripts of Anyoktimuktāvali of Somanātha and Jātimālā of Somanātha from the Society's Library. (Note :—Society's Mss. Nos. G. 1096 and G. 8267 of the above two texts may be lent out against indemnity bonds of Rs. 50/- and Rs. 25/- respectively.) Grant on usual terms against indemnity bonds as above. Lib. Com. No. 3, 17-8-49. Confirm. Council No. 14, 22-8-49.

Request from the Librarian, Delhi University Library for loan of a manuscript of "Laukikanyāyaratnākara" of Raghunātha Varman from the Society's Library. (Note :—The manuscript of the above text is rare. Society's Ms. No. 880 is a representative copy, the other copies in the Society's Library being all fragmentary. The Philological Secretary recommends loan against an indemnity bond of Rs. 1000/- only and on condition that the Ms. should not go out of the University Library). Grant for 3 months only against an indemnity bond of Rs. 1000/- and on condition that the manuscript should not go out of the Delhi University Library. Lib. Com. No. 4, 17-8-49. Confirm. Council No. 14, 22-8-49.

Request from the Secretary, Ganganatha Jha Research Institute, Allahabad, for an extension of the loan of the manuscript of "Vishnusahasranāmabhāsyatikā" (No. III. B. 63) till 31st August, 1949. (Note :—The above Ms. was lent out on 4-12-48 and according to regulations all Mss. lent must be returned at the end of three months). Grant. Further extension beyond that date cannot be granted. Lib. Com. No. 5, 17-8-49. Confirm. Council No, 14, 22-8-49.

Request from S. A. Vidyavinode, member, requesting requisition on loan by the Society, of a manuscript of "Sangita-Dāmodara" of Subhamkara from Prof. Ramkrishna Kavi of Wanparti (Madras) for his use. (Note :—A manuscript of 'Chaitanyacharitāmṛita' has already been requisitioned for his use from the India Office Library). The request be complied with and the Mss. be obtained on loan. The manuscript will be available for use within the Society's Library only. Lib, Com. No. 5, 17-8-49. Confirm. Council No. 14, 22-8-49.

Request from Maharajkumar Raghuvir Singh for loan of two manuscripts (1) *Jang-Nama* (Lib. No. III. 228) and (2) *Tarikh-i-Fath-i-Kangra* (Lib. No. I. 625) — from the Society's Library for preparing microfilm copies of the same. (Note :—Maharajkumar Raghuvir Singh sent originally a list of 12 manuscripts which he wanted on loan for purposes of microfilming. Two of the list being rare items cannot be lent out of the Library and he was informed that the other 10 might be lent to him on usual conditions, but only two at a time as per rules. Accordingly he sent a requisition for the above two. He is also agreeable to lend his negatives to the Society for preparing positive prints for Society's record. The above two manuscripts may be lent out on usual conditions against indemnity bonds of Rs. 100/- and Rs. 200/- respectively). Allow on usual terms against indemnity bonds as above requesting that one positive copy in each case be presented to the Society for its Library. Lib. Com. No. 4, 15-6-49. Confirm. Council No. 8, 21-6-49.

Consideration of letter from Sri S. A. Vidyavinode, Secretary, Gaudīya Mission, requesting requisition, on loan by the Society, of a manuscript of 'Bhaktibhāvapradīpa' from the Dacca University Library for his use. Comply with the request and try to obtain loan of the manuscript from Dacca University Library for use within the Society's Library. Lib. Com. No. 13, 13-9-49. Accept. Council No. 13, 19-9-49.

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Request from Maharajkumar Raghuvir Singh, Sitamau, for loan of two Mss. — (1) Ruqqat i-Fazl (CC. 137) and (2) Jawahar-i-Samsam (ASC. 927) from the Society's Library for preparing microfilm copies of the same. Allow on the same conditions against indemnity bonds (Rs. 200/- and Rs. 250/- respectively) and acknowledge presentation of microfilm copies with thanks. Lib. Com. No. 4, 8-12-49. Accept. Council No. 13, 14-12-49.

Request from Dr. D. C. Sircar, Superintendent for Epigraphy, Govt. of India, for a set of impressions (for official record) of the copper-plate of Bhavadeva in the collection of the Society. Allow. Lib. Com. No. 8, 8-12-49. Accept. Council No. 13, 14-12-49.

Request from Pandit Iswar Chandra Sastri, Pañchatīrtha, Editor, Vidhānaparijāta (Bid. Ind. Series) for a loan of the Ms. of the Vidhānaparijāta (pañchama stabska) (No. G. 6567) from the Library. Allow on usual conditions against an indemnity bond of Rs. 600/- only. Lib. Com. No. 10, 8-12-49. Accept. Council No. 13, 14-12-49.

MEDALS.—Recommendation of the Annandale Memorial Medal Advisory Board held on 17-1-49. The Board reiterates its decision made on 15-1-48 in awarding the medal to Prof. Nirmal Kumar Bose. Record. Council No. 10, 18-1-49.

Recommendation of the Durga Prasad Khaitan Memorial Medal Advisory Board held on 18-1-49. Award for this year be made to Sir J. C. Ghosh. Unanimously approve. Council No. 9, 18-1-49.

Consideration of the steps to be taken for the preparation of Peace and Culture Medal as a posthumous award to the late Mahatma Gandhi. A special committee to consist of the President, General Secretary and the Library Secretary. Council No. 17, 21-6-49.

Consideration of the steps to be taken for the preparation of Peace and Culture Medal as a posthumous award to the late Mahatma Gandhi. (*Note* :— This is a medal newly instituted by this Society at the suggestion of its Patron His Excellency Sri Rajagopalachari. The first award had been made already posthumously to the late Mahatma Gandhi, so a medal will have to be prepared.) The Committee be reconstituted. Peace & Culture Medal Committee No. 1, 16-11-49. The Committee is reconstituted to comprise the following members : (1) President, (2) General Secretary, (3) Treasurer, (4) Dr. K. P. Biswas, and (5) Dr. W. G. Griffiths. Council No. 16, 16-11-49.

Recommendations of the various Medal Committees dated 12-12-49 :—

(1) *P. N. Bose Medal*—Order : Award to Dr. W. D. West.

(2) *Dr. B. C. Law Gold Medal*—Order : Award to Dr. U. N. Ghosal.

(3) *Sir J. N. Sarkar Gold Medal*—Order : Award to Dr. Hari Ram Gupta.

(4) *S. C. Roy Medal*—Order : Secretary to call another meeting.

(5) *Barclay Memorial Medal*—Order : Award to Dr. K. V. Krishnan.

(6) *Sir William Jones Medal*—No award this year as the fund is in deficit Order : Record. Council No. 15, 14-12-49.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Consideration of a circular letter dated 12-1-49 from the Registrar, Andhra University, Waltair, requesting recommendation of names of eminent scholars in Fine Arts who may be considered for the award of Sir Cattamanchi Ramalinga Reddy National Prize for 1949. (Circular No. 27). Recommend the name of Dr. Abanindra Nath Tagore for the award of the Prize for 1949. Council No. 7, 16-2-49.

PRESENTATIONS.—Consideration of a letter from the Under-Secretary to the Govt. of India, Dept. of Scientific Research, New Delhi, requesting supply of complimentary copies of our Journal, Science, as well as Memoirs,

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commencing from 1948 to the Indian Scientific Liaison Officer in London. (Circular No. 30). Comply. Pub. Com. No. 2, 9-3-49. Confirm. Council No. 3, 21-3-49.

Request from Mrs. Serapia Bhattacharjee for free supply of back numbers of Journal and Yearbooks lost during the Punjab riots. As a special case make a free gift of the back numbers of the Journals and Yearbook from 1941 onwards. Pub. Com. No. 6, 6-4-49. Give only the last issues of the Yearbook and the Journals from 1941 onwards to Mrs. Bhattacharya free provided sufficient number of copies are in the stock. Council No. 5, 21-4-49.

PUBLICATION.—The question of publication of Dr. K. P. Biswas's "*Review of the 150th Anniversary Volume with original letters regarding the Foundation of the Royal Botanic Garden.*" Forward to the Council with a request to get it published. Sc. Adv. Com. No. 2, 5-4-49. Publish. Council No. 8, 21-4-49.

Consideration of the question of printing "*Review of the 150th Anniversary Volume, with original Letters of Sir Joseph Banks regarding the foundation of the Royal Botanic Gardens.*" (Circ. No. 152) Accept the tender of Print Kraft Ltd. for printing 500 copies of the Review as a monograph. Target date for completion of printing must be fixed with a default clause imposing penalty. Pub. Com. No. 6, 17-8-49. Confirm. Council No. 15, 22-8-49.

Lushai-English Dictionary. The question of reprinting Lushai-English Dictionary. Enquire from the local booksellers and the Goverment of Assam whether there is any demand for a new edition. Request the Govt. of Assam to contribute towards the cost. Pub. Com. No. 5, 11-1-49. Confirm. Council No. 6, 18-1-49.

Consideration of the question of reprinting the "*Lushai-English Dictionary*" which is out of print. The Assam Government have informed that the Government is not in a position to sanction any financial assistance for meeting the cost of reprint in this connection. (Note :—500 copies were printed in 1940. Only four copies in stock. Average sale about 55 copies per year). Cannot be taken in hand now. Pub. Com. No. 10, 15-6-49. Write to the Govt. of India, External Affairs Dept., New Delhi, explaining the position fully and enquiring whether a Special Grant may be made by the Central Govt. for this work. Council No. 6, 21-6-49.

Consideration of the question of selecting reviewers of the book entitled "*Bicentenary Volume of Sir William Jones*" and matters relating to its distribution. Despatch free copies to 14 contributors and 23 usual reviewers as per list. Pub. Com. No. 6, 21-6-49. Confirm. Council No. 6, 21-6 49.

Letter from the Secretary, Indian Standards Institution, New Delhi, regarding standardisation of the sizes of Journals and Periodicals and a questionnaire regarding the same. The Pub. Com. of 6-7-49 recommended : The size of the R. A. S. B. Journal should remain as it is. The Indian Standards Institution may be written recommending that our size may be accepted as the standard size for the whole of Indian Union. Confirm. Council No. 3, 13-7-49.

Consideration of the report from the General Secretary regarding the publication of *Year Book for 1947.* Recommend to the Council through the Finance Committee payment as a special case of a lump sum of Rs. 350/- to R. N. Banerjee for the preparation of and seeing through the Press the Yearbook for 1947 outside office hours. Pub. Com. No. 3, 6-7-49. Record. Council No. 3, 13.7.49.

Consideration of the report from the General Secretary regarding the preparation of the *Year Book for 1948.* Recommend to the Council through Finance Committee for provision of a lump sum of Rs. 300/- for the preparation and seeing through the Press the Year book for 1948. Allocation to be made after the book is published. Pub. Com. No. 3, 6-7-49. Record. Council No. 3, 13-7-49.

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Consideration of the steps to be taken for the preparation of the History of the Development of the Bengali Script from original Mss. in the possession of the Society. (Referred by the Council). A Monograph on the Evolution of Bengali script be prepared by Sri S. K. Saraswati and placed before the Council in due course. Pub. Com. No. 6, 6-7-49. Confirm. Council No. 3, 13-7-49.

Consideration of the question of the note of the Special Committee regarding the papers to be included in the proposed publication entitled "*Science and Post-War Development in India.*" Refer to a Committee composed of the following :—President, Dr. S. K. Mitra, Dr. A. C. Ukil, and Dr. R. C. Majumdar, with liberty to consult specialists. Council No. 12, 13-7-49.

Report of the Special Committee to go into the question of printing of the book entitled "*Science and Post-War Development*" in its present form. Approve of the action recommended by the Special Committee. Bring up next time the bills from publishers when received. Council No. 22, 22-8-49.

Report of the Special Committee appointed by the Council to consider the question of the publication of "*Science & Post-war Development in India*" :—

"*Science & Post-war Development in India*" was originally conceived to be published by the Society itself. After about two years the Council decided to entrust the publication to Messrs,. Longmans Green & Co., Ltd, on certain terms. Dr. West was placed in charge as Editor. The Baptist Mission Press was entrusted with the printing. No formal letter either from the Society or from Messrs. Longmans Green & Co., Ltd. was sent to the Press or the terms settled. Dr. West sent the first article to the Press on 22-2-47. The special page as sent to Dr. West was approved by him on 16-3-47. The first instalment of the proofs upto page 47 was sent in September, 1947. Sometime before this date the manuscript of the other chapters except the last one on communications had been handed over to the Press.

It appears that difficulties were felt in getting the proofs finally looked over by the individual writers of the different chapters. On 7th May, 1948, proofs of pages 1—107 and of certain tables and plates were sent by the Press to the Editor along with gallies 1-63, completing the chapters of which the manuscripts had been obtained.

Except for some stray communications, the Society had no detailed information about this work until December, 1948, when the present President requested the Secretary to find out at what stage the publication was and when it was expected to be out. The President contacted Dr. West also. In January 1949, the position was that the proofs of the entire work, as had been sent on 7-5-48, had not been returned to the Press. They were with the publishers and the Editor was trying to get them finally passed with the help of the original authors as far as possible.

The question which had to be considered was whether, by lapse of time, the work would or should be published in the from originally conceived. Some of the articles at least were written so far back as 1945, and at least one of the authors, as it can be traced from the files, suggested even in November 1947, intimating that before publication, the chapter had to be read through to verify "What is stated about Post-war projects is in accordance with what has transpired since the chapter was written."

Advice was obtained from certain specialists and the Special Committee had also the benefit of a discussion with Mr. Ellis, the Manager, Baptist Mission Press and Dr. Dutch, the Manager of the publishers. The conclusion arrived at may be summarised as follows :

1. The work should not be published now in its present form. Most of the chapters will have to be altered or recast and additions made before they may be published. The additions and alterations could not be effected without getting into touch with the authors themselves which would take over six

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months and nearer 12 months, as the authors of more than half the chapters were now away from India and the present addresses of two of them have not yet been traced. Enquiries made by the Secretary whether they would agree to bring the work up-to-date, have not yet elicited any response except from one who has even forgotten that he had contributed a chapter. Even after such revision and alteration the standing matter with the Press will have to be changed. The printers think that if additions and alterations are so made the cost for such alterations would be very heavy.

2. In respect of one of the articles at least it transpired that permision had been sought for utilising the same materials for contributing another article in different publication. How this was dealt with by the Editor and whether such permission was given and another article had been published or not, could not be definitely ascertained as the relevant file was not available to the Society.

3. Post-war Development is not a subject which would interest a larger section of the people, scientists and experts. After the 15th August 1947, various schemes and proposals for development have not only been put forward but many have already been undertaken. Absence of any reference to the present-day problems will not only make the present work an incomplete one but legitimate criticism may be advanced about the utility and desirability of undertaking a publication of that description now. At least one of the chapters could not be published in the present form as the manner of treatment was wholly inappropriate after the present set-up in the Indian Union.

4. Even if the work be pushed through in the present form it cannot be published until the end of the present year.

5. If the decision be that the work cannot be published in the present form, the next question is whether the existing arrangement would stand pending the revision, re-casting or re-writing of the different chapters and more probably with the help of new authors. Special Committee is unanimously of opinion that the Society ought to have a free hand to decide the future course.

6. Dr. Dutch, on behalf of the publishers, intimated that if the contract with them be now terminated they would not ask for any compensation except the commission at 15% on the amount which may be billed by the printer's bill may on further consideration be omitted for calculating a commission. It the entire matter now in type be cancelled the bill from the Press may be in the neighbourhood of Rs. 2,000/- or Rs. 2,400/- . The commission payable to publishers for terminating the contract will not exceed Rs. 350/- or thereabout.

7. If the Council approves of the proposal made above, the publishers are to be instructed to submit the bill of cost from the Press along with their commission. Dr. Dutch has no objeciion if the amount of commission payable to the publishers is paid to them and the bill submitted by the Press dealt with by the Society directly with the printers. This offer should be accepted as the Society may consider whether some portion or other of the matter now in type can be utilised either for publishing short monographs or as articles in the journal, if and when they are made ready for publication.

8. The Committee feels that the Society has to incur immediate loss by countermanding the publication in the original form. This might have been towards the end of 1947 or at any rate at the beginning of 1948, as according to the Specialist Committee, the scheme of the work had become out of date by that time. The actual loss will not be very heavy if the Society can arrange to utilise, in a different form, some portion of the matter already in hand.

9. The Special Committee is thankful to Mr. Ellis and Dr. Dutch for their helpful attitude and the candid expression of their views with regard to the different points about the proposed publication.

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Consideration of a letter from Orient Longmans, Ltd. regarding commission charges for publishing "*Science & Post-War Development in India*." Pay to Orient Longmans, Ltd. Rs. 484/13/6. The contract with them is terminated by mutual agreement. Publication Committee to take up the question of the disposal of the matter in type in its present or in a modified form. Fin. Com. No. 6, 14-9-49. Confirm. Council No. 13, 19-9-49.

To consider the utilisation of papers received for the book "*Science and Post-War Development.*" Refer to the Sub-Committee comprising the President, Dr. S. K. Mitra, Dr. A. C. Ukil, and Dr. J. L. Bhaduri. Pub. Com. No. 6, 9-11-49. Accept. Council No. 12, 16-11-49.

Report of the General Secretary regarding the selection of Editors of "*Introducing India*," Part II. Dr. K. N. Bagchi and Dr. W. G. Griffiths to be the joint editors. Pub. Com. No. 11, (2), 13-9-49. Accept. Council No. 11, 19-9-49.

REPRESENTATION & NOMINATION—Report that Dr. J. B. Choudhury represented the Society at the 125th Anniversary Celebration functions held at the Sanskrit College from 26th December to 30th December, 1948. Approve. Council No. 18, 18-1-49.

Consideration of a circular letter dated 22nd January, 1949 from the Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Education, New Delhi, for the nomination of a joint representative of this Society and Bombay Branch Royal Asiatic Society to the Indian National Commission for UNESCO. (Circular No. 33). Correspondence with Bombay Branch Asiatic Society and Deputy Secretary, Education Dept., Govt. of India also put up. Approve action taken. General Secretary to send a suitable reply to Bombay Branch and Central Govt. Council No. 8, 16-2-49.

Consideration of a circular letter from the President of the American Academy of Political and Social Science regarding the appointment of two delegates to represent the Society at the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Academy on the 8th and 9th April, 1949. Drs. Sarbahi and Rock to be our representative. Council No. 2, 21-3-49.

Letter from the Registrar, Calcutta University, regarding the nomination of an expert (not connected with the University) to serve on the Selection Committee for selection of a reader in the Dept. of Geography of the University of Calcutta. (Circular No. 86). Dr. R. C. Majumdar is nominated to serve on this Committee. Council No. 15, 21-4-49.

Consideration of the nomination of a representative to participate in the United Nations Scientific Conference at Lake Success, New York, from 17th August to 6th September, 1949. Approve action taken in nominating Sir J. C. Ghosh, Kt., D. Sc., as the representative of the Society in this connection. Council No. 23, 21-6-49.

Council of 13-7-49 resolved that the following will represent the Society to the 12th Session of Indian History Congress at Cuttack. The Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, Dr, R. C. Majumdar, Dr. N. Dutt, Dr. A. B. M. Habibullah, Dr. U. N. Ghoshal, Dr. J. N. Banerjea and Mr. S. K. Saraswati.

Letter from Dr. R. C. Majumdar regarding the appointment of Dr. D. C. Ganguly, M. A., Ph. D, as a delegate to the History Congress. Accept. recommendation. Council No. 4, 22-8-49.

Council of 13-7-49 resolved that the following will represent the Society to the Indian Historical Records Commission. The Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, Dr. R. C. Majumdar, Dr. A. B. M. Habibullah, Dr. P. C. Gupta, Mr. Mahibul Hasan Khan.

Consideration of a letter from the General Secretary, Indian Science Congress Association requesting the Society to appoint delegates to represent the Society to participate in the deliberations of the Indian Science Congress Session at Poona. (Circ. No. 150). Drs. A. C. Ukil, K. N. Bagchi,

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K. Biswas, S. K. Mitra, J. L. Bhaduri, Meghnad Saha and Prof. J. M. Sen are to represent the Society as delegates at the Indian Science Congress Session at Poona. Council No. 10, 22-8-49.

Consideration of the letter of the Registrar, Calcutta University, regarding nomination of a member to serve on the Committees for the selection of the Kamala Lecturer and for the award of the Sarojini Basu Medal for the year 1949. Dr. R. C. Majumdar to serve on both the Committees. Council No. 27, 22-8-49.

Consideration of a letter from the Secretary, National Institute of Sciences of India, regarding the nomination of two representatives from the Society's Council to serve on the Council of the above Institute as an additional Vice-President and an additional Member for the year 1950. Dr. S. K. Mitra and Dr. J. L. Bhaduri are to represent this Society as an additional Vice-President and additional Member for the year 1950 on the Council of the National Institute of Sciences of India. Council No. 6, 16-11-49.

Concideration of a circular letter from the Govt. of India about the preparation of a list of Indian experts who may be invited to participate in the Conference to be organised by the UNESCO for investigation into the problem of the Social Sciences. (Circ. No. 220). A list containing the names of the following experts be forwarded to the Govt. of India in this connection: Sir J. C. Ghosh, Prof. M. N. Saha, Dr. A. C. Ukil, Dr. B. C. Guha, Dr. K. P. Biswas, Prof. K. P. Chattopadhyaya, Dr. B. S. Guha and Prof. J. M. Sen. Council No. 2, 14-12-49.

Consideration of the letter from the General Secretary, Reception Committee, All India Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, requesting the society to send delegates to represent the R. A. S. B. Prof. L. Sukul & Mr. Bhuramal Agrawal, B.A, B.L., to represent this society in the Reception Committee of the All India Hindi Sahitya Sammelan. Council No. 21, 14-12-49.

Consideration of the letter from the Convenor, Indian Council for Cultural Relations requesting the Society to send the name of one person to represent the R. A. S. B. in that Council. Dr. Nihar-ranjan Ray to represent the Society in the Indian Council for Cultural Relations. Council No. 22, 14-12-49.

RESEARCH FELLOWS.—Report of work done by Sri Sunil Kumar Ray, James Prinsep Fellow in Epigraphy and Numismatics, for the period January to June, 1949. (Note :— The pre-muslim coins in the Society's cabinet, numbering about 4,000, have been examined, assorted and classified. The best specimens, numbering 415, have been catalogued. The Punch-marked series appears to contain some new types, not known hitherto, and there is a series of clever forgeries of Kushana gold coins. The Fellow wants to read a paper on these two sets at the ensuing All-India Numismatic Conference and requests that facilities, in the shape of casts, photographs, etc. be provided to him. The report has been certified by Dr. J. N. Banerjea). Recommended : 1. Any paper prepared by the Fellow to be presented at one of Society's Meetings before being sent to any other body ; 2. 250 copies of the list of pre-Muslim coins to be printed ; 3. Steps be taken for circulating the same for obtaining exchanges from other Museums and private collectors ; 4. Report be recorded. Lib. Com. No. 4, 6-7-49. Confirm. Council No. 6, 13-7-49.

Consideration of the question of selection of three Research Scholars, viz : (1) Sir William Jones for Sanskrit and Sanskritic Studies ; (2) Raja Rajendra Lala Mitra for Buddhistic Studies and (3) Mr R. G. Casey for Islamic Studies, against vacancies which are existing. Insert advertisements calling for applications and request Supervisor-scholars to report which of the Mss. of the previous Research Fellows is suitable for publication by the Society. Council No. 19, 21-6-49.

Consideration of the question of arrangements for scrutiny of the applications for the vacancies of three Research Fellows, viz : (1) Sir Willim Jones for Sanskrit & Sanskritic Studies, (2) Raja Rajendra Lala Mitra for

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Buddhistic Studies, and (3) Mr. R. G. Casey for Islamic Studies and selection of the three Fellows. A Selection Committee be formed composed of the following to scrutinise the applications and recommend candidates to the Council: President, General Secretary, Treasurer, the two Philological Secretaries, Dr. S. K. Chatterji and Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi. Council No. 12, 13-7-49.

Consideration of Draft Rules for the "Guidance of Research Fellows of the Society" prepared by the Sub-Committee constituted by the Council on 21-6-49, item No. 6. (Circ. No. 146). Order: Adopt the Draft Rules (excluding proposed rule No. 9) as Regulations (see below). Council No. 8, 22-8-49.

RULES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF RESEARCH FELLOWS OF THE SOCIETY :—(1) A Research Fellow on being selected by the Council to carry out research on a subject specified and approved for the purpose, shall be placed under a Scholar-Member of the R. A. S. B., who would periodically supervise his work on the academic side.

(2) The Research Fellow shall ordinarily work in the Library of the R. A. S. B. and shall be termed "Research Fellow, R. A. S. B". If and when necessary he may also work in the Library or Laboratory as the case may be, of the University of Calcutta, or any other institution for academic research in Calcutta, but previous permission of the Council must be obtained if the Fellow wants to work elsewhere than in the Society's library. His attendance and rendering periodical reports, etc. shall be supervised by the Librarian of the R. A. S. B. The Librarian shall place the reports before the respective Scholar-Supervisors before being placed before the Library Committee.

(3) It shall be the duty of the Research Fellow to devote his or her whole time to the approved research programme. He shall not accept or hold any appointment paid or otherwise other than his Fellowship but the Council may permit a Research Fellow to undertake at the University or at the Institution where he is at work approved teaching or demonstration not exceeding 3 hours duration per week.

(4) No Research Fellow will be permitted without reasonable and satisfactory grounds to resign his or her Fellowship until after the expiration of the first year of the Fellowship. In case he or she does so the Council may demand the refund of the whole or part of the amount of stipends drawn during the tenure of Fellowship. Even if he resigns after the first year of Fellowship he must render unto the Society an account of the work he has done along with his papers, etc. and results of his investigation.

(5) A Research Fellow shall at the end of every quarter present to the General Secretary, through his or her Supervisor, a report of his or her work and shall before the expiration of the Fellowship present a fuller comprehensive report. Such quarterly and fuller reports shall be placed in the first instance before the Library Committee and then to the Council. The research work either in parts or in full should be made available for publication by the R. A. S. B. if they so desire. The copyright of the same shall be the property of the Society unless the Society makes a decision otherwise.

(6) The Research Fellowships are tenable for one year in the first instance, but may be renewed up to a maximum limit of three years at the discretion of the Council. If at any time in the opinion of the Council, a Research Fellow is found neglectful or to be unable to carry out his work or to be guilty of conduct unbecoming of the holder of a Fellowship, the Council shall have the power to terminate his or her research Fellowship, with or without giving notice as the circumstances of each case warrant. In all such cases the Council shall obtain a report from the Scholar-Supervisor and the Librarian.

(7) The stipend attached to a Fellowship shall be Rs. 150/- per mensem tenable for the period for which a scholar is selected to work and shall be paid from the office of the R. A. S. B. every month. Rs. 125/- out of the

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remuneration of the Research Fellowship will be paid to him every month, Rs. 25/- being kept in reserve which will be paid in one lump at the end of the period for which the scholar works on his showing satisfactory progress in his work and being recommended to that effect by the Scholar-Supervisor.

(8) No Research Fellow shall leave Calcutta without the previous permission having been obtained from his Scholar-Supervisor but all such permission for leave shall be reported to the Council.

(9) A Research Fellow selected by the Council shall bind himself or herself in writing to abide by the rules in force and shall sign an obligation form immediately on joining his or her duties.

OBLIGATION FORM

ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY OF BENGAL

OBLIGATION FORM to be signed by holders of the Research Fellowships of Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal.

I, the undersigned, do hereby declare that I have carefully read the regulations regarding the *Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal* Research Fellowships, of which I possess a copy, and engage that I shall observe the terms and conditions laid down therein so long as I shall continue a *Research Fellow of the Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal.*

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(Signature)

Date.....

Name of the Research Fellow,
(in block letters). .....
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Countersigned.

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(Superviser)

Date.....

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(Official designation)

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(Address)

Consideration of the recommendations of the Selection Committee of 25-8-49 for the Research Fellowship, *viz*: Sir William Jones Fellowship Sri Bhavatosh Bhattacharya, M.A.; (2) Raja Rajendra Lal Mitra Fellowship — Sri Biswanath Bandyopadhayaya, M.A.; (3) Mr. R. G. Casey Fellowship — Janab S. M. Imamuddin, M.A. Appoint for one year for the present from 1-10-49 on the usual conditions. Copies of Regulations to be sent along with the letter of appointment. Council No. 2, 19-9-49.

Report that the terms of appointment of Sri Sunil Chandra Ray, James Prinsep Fellow in Epigraphy and Numismatics, expire, according to Regulations, on the 30th September, 1949. (Note :— Sri Sunil Chandra Ray, M.A. was appointed as the James Prinsep Fellow in Epigraphy and Numismatics by the Council on 27-9-48 on the report of the Selection Committee appointed for the purpose. He joined on the 4th October, 1948, and has been working on the Coin Collection of the Society under the guidance of Dr. J. N. Banerjea. He has completed the catalogue of pre-Muslim coins of India (numbering 4,398 coins) and has written a paper on "Some novel symbols on Punch-marked coins in the Coin Cabinet of the Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal", which has been submited to the Society. He is now engaged in sorting and classifying the Muslim coins in the Society's cabinet. Besides, he has been working on the "Early history and culture of Kashmir." The dissertation is proposed to contain 9 chapters of which 5 are already completed. Dr. J. N. Banerjea, Scholar Supervisor, recommends extension of the Fellowship for at least one year more). Extend for one year more on the present terms and conditions. Lib. Com. No. 7, 12-9-49. Accept. Council No. 10, 19-9-49.

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RULES COMMITTEE. — The question of appointment of a Sub-Committee for drafting the revised Rules & Regulations of the Society. A Sub-Committee consisting of the President, Treasurer and General Secretary, Library Secretary, Dr. N. Dutt, Rai Bahadur J. M. Sen, and Dr. K. P. Biswas to be formed for the purpose. Council No. 14, 21-6-49.

SALE OF PUBLICATIONS.—Consideration of a letter dated 2-2-49 from Dr. M. Ishaque, Hony. Secretary, Iran Society, requesting presentation to the above Society all the available Arabic & Persian publications of this Society (Circ. No. 40). Dr. Ishaque be requested to purchase the book at 40% discount under the Membership rule and present them to the Iran Society. Pub. Com. No. 4, 9-3-49. Anent the request of Dr. M. Ishaque about presentations to the Iran Society all the available Arabic & Persian publications of the Society. General Secretary to draw the attention of Dr. M. Ishaque to the provisions about Institutional Membership. Council No. 7, 21-3-49.

Consideration of the question of continuing the existing practice of selling Society's publications at a discount of 40% to members who buy the publications for non-members — either individuals or institutions. (Circular No. 253). Institutions can avail of such concession (i e. 40% Discount) only if they are elected as Institutional Members. Members buying books for non-members are not entitled to this concession. The general question about continuing this concession to Members, be brought up at a subsequent meeting. Council No. 3, 21-3-49.

Consideration of a letter No. FXX11 (1)/49 Liby., dated 22-9-49 from the Dy. Secretary, Constituent Assembly, Pakistan, enquiring as to whether the Society may offer special sale rates for the publications required by the Pakistan Constituent Assembly. (Circular No. 195). Regret inability. Pub. Com. No. 3, 9-11-49. Accept. Council No. 12, 16-11-49.

SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEES. — The Scientific Advisory Committee at its meeting held on 1st. March, 1949 considered a letter No. 40/HOS/49 dated 11-1-49 from Delhi Branch of UNESCO requesting the Society to send them materials on the history of different branches of science for use by the International Union for the History of Science in Paris. It recommended that full particulars as to the scope of the work is to be obtained specially whether the accounts should deal with the History of Science in India during the last 100 years or with the history of some of the sciences known to the Indians in ancient days. Confirm. No. 11, 21-3-49.

On the question regarding advisability of forming Specialist Sectional Sub Committees for the year, the Scientific Advisory Committee at its meeting held on 1-3-49 recommended that separate sub-committee were not required but that the Committee itself should be enlarged. The following names were therefore recommended for inclusion in the Committee: Mr. T. C. Das (in place of Dr. B. S. Guha who expressed his unwillingness to serve the Committee), Dr. J. L. Bhaduri, Dr. J. K. Bose, Mr. E. A. R. Banerji, Mr. Mihir Kumar Sen, Mr. K. K. Sengupta and Mr. V. P. Sondhi. It also recommended that 5 members shall constitute quorum at meetings of the Committee. Approve. Council No. 11, 21-3-49.

Letter from Prof. K. P. Chattopadhyaya regarding a summary of the recommendations of the Sectional Committee in Anthropology. Submit to Council for approval with a request to write to the Dept. of Agriculture and Fisheries forwarding the note of Prof. Chattopadhyaya and asking for Rs. 7000/-. Sc. Adv. Com. No. 1(b), 5-4-49. Approve. Council No. 7, 23-4-49.

The following resolutions of the Scientific Advisory Committee dated 7-6-49 (as a result of the Discussion Meeting held at the Society on the 10th March, 1949), be sent up to the Government of Bengal with a forwarding letter of the General Secretary:

(1) Control of various aspects of fisheries development instead of being shared by half a dozen Departments of the Government, should be centralised

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in the Directorate of Fisheries, as various Departments generally do not pull together and very often negative one another's efforts.

(2) Whereas great stress is being laid on the provision of finances for fisheries development and on the acquisition of foreign fishing vessels and gear, it is overlooked that Money and Material cannot yield satisfactory results unless suitably trained and locally experienced personnel are available for their proper and judicious utilization.

(3) Fisheries develoment must be regarded as a slow and gradual process of the evolutionary type and any hurried spectacular measures outside the economy of the trade are likely to prove disastrous in the long run.

(4) Under the present circumstances, it seems more desirable to carry out a large number of smaller, less ambitious, but economically sound projects, which will in aggregate increase production considerably.

(5) Research and experimentation in fisheries development measures should be encouraged and a strong Extension Service organised so as to disseminate the knowledge of improved technique to the remotest corner of the Province. Council No. 5, 21-6-49.

Consideration of the letter of Dr. Biswas about beautification of towns and country-side from the horticultural, arboricultural and biological aspects. Recommended that copies of the following two resolutions be forwarded to the Government of India (Works, Mines and Powers), all Provincial Governments, and to the Chief Administrative Officer of Calcutta Corporation, and Chairman, Improvement Trust :

1. That Govt. of West Bengal be moved to take immediate steps towards restoring the Eden Gardens to proper condition and replanting flowering trees and ornamental shrubs in the Maidan, Victoria Memorial Garden, Dhakuria Lake Garden and city parks, etc. based on a well devised plan.

2. (a) In the new townships and rehabilitation programme proper steps for arboriculture, road side planting and laying out of parks etc. for beautifying such towns and village-sides should be taken; (b) That the local authorities should be properly advised and guided by a central expert body for the development of towns and villages keeping in view the main principles of town and country planning including proper arboricultural and horticultural operations. Also recommended that Dr. K. Biswas and Dr. P. C. Sarbadhikari be requested to prepare a short brochure giving more detailed suggestions for the improvement of the arboricultural and horticultural operations in Calcutta and suburbs. Sc. Adv. Com. No. 2, 5-7-49. Confirm. Council, No. 2, 13-7-49.

Letters to the Govt. of India dated 27th June, 1949 and the Dy. Commissioner dated 17th June, 1949, were discussed and it recommended to the Council that a copy of the draft rules framed by the Govt. for the preservation of the wild animals of Himachal Pradesh may be sent to the Society for making suggestions. Sc. Adv. Com. No. 3 (1), 5-7-49. Confirm. Council No. 2, 13-7-49.

Letter of the West Bengal Govt. dated 22nd June, 1949 intimating that the Govt. had started a sample Survey regarding the fisheries and fishermen was considered and it was recommended to the Council that the Govt. of West Bengal should be requested to let the R. A. S. B. know the locality in which the Survey is being carried on by the Govt. staff and when the Survey is complete to send a copy of the report embodying the result. Sc. Adv. Com. No. 3 (2), 5-7-49. Confirm. Council No. 2, 13-7-49.

Consideration of Occasional Bulletins (UNESCO) Nos. 16-18 dated 18th August, 8th September and 12th October, 1949. The compilation of the Bibliography will be very useful and the Committee recommends that the work be taken up, if the Council of the R. A. S. B. could provide necessary funds for the purpose. Sc. Ad. Com. No. 3, 1-11-49. Society can take

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up the work of preparing a bibliography of all scientific papers, &c., only if necessary funds and facilities are provided for by Government. Council No. 10, 19-11-49.

Consideration of a letter dated 3-9-49 from the Settlement Officer, West Bengal, and Secretary, Sunderbans Development Committee, enclosing a copy of the questionnaire issued by the Sunderbans Development Committee and considerations of suggestions in this connection. A Survey party not exceeding 6 (the names to be selected by Dr. K. P. Biswas in consultation with the President) to visit the area in the first instance as suggested in Dr. Biswas's letter and to report and draft a reply to the questionnaire. In case the Survey party cannot be formed, an Advisory Committee consisting of the President, Dr. A. C. Ukil, Dr. K. P. Biswas, Dr. J. L. Bhaduri, Dr. S. L. Hora, Prof. M. K. Sen, Prof. J. M. Sen, K. P. Chattopadhyaya and Mr. T. C. Das be formed to draft reply and answer the questionnaire. Sc. Ad. Com. No. 5, 1-11-49. Forward the proposal to the Government. Council No. 10, 19-11-49.

Consideration of a printed circular letter from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation. In conformity with the rules of the Royal Society, Burlington House, London, Author's abstracts to be published in future in the Journals along with the articles instead of they being published in the Yearbook as now. Sc. Ad. Com. No. 2, 6-12-49. Such abstracts not exceeding half-a-page in each case be published in future Council No. 8, 14-12-49.

Consideration of a circular letter from the Director, the Fish and Wild Life Service of the United States Department of Interior, together with the opinion of Dr. S. L. Hora and Dr. J. L. Bhaduri. (Circ. No. 194) Exchange relationship to be established and all the publications of the Fish and Wild Life Service of the U. S. A. to be asked for including back numbers and complete sets in exchange for the Society's Journals (Science part) and Bulletins on Scientific subjects. Sc. Adv. Com. No. 5, 6-12-49. Journals (Science part) to be forwarded in exchange so far as available. Council No. 8, 14-12-49.

STAFF—Secretary reported that Sri R. N. Banerjee carried on the duties of the Superintendent from the 1st. to the 17th September, 1948. Record and pay Sri R. N. Banerjee a lump sum Rs. 30/- as of acting allowance. Fin. Com. No. 6, 12-1-49. Confirm. Council No. 8, 18-1-49.

Consideration of an application from Sri Mukunda Bihari Das for a suitable appointment in the Society. Yes, for 3 months for the present. Rs. 60/-per mensem plus T. A. (Class 3) and commission 25% of gifts and 12½% of purchases. Lib. Com. No. 4, 11-1-49. Confirm. Council No. 7, 18-1-49.

Lib. Com. of 10-5-49 recommended on the question of the extension of the services of Sri M. B. Das that his services be extended for 3 months more. Council of 12-5-49 confirmed this recommendations.

Recommendations of the Selection Committee for the appointment of two Cataloguers in the Library held on 18-1-49. Appoint temporarily for the present Sri Sunil Chandra Ray, M. A., and Sri Rajendra Chandra Kar, M. A., on a consolidated salary of Rs. 150/- per mensem and Rs. 160/- per mensem only respectively inclusive of the Dearness Allowance with effect from 1-3-49. Council No. 12, 18-1-49.

Report of the Selection Committee for the appointment of a typist regarding the confirmation of Sri Kanai Lal Das, typist clerk. Sri Kanai Lal Das is confirmed as a typist on a monthly salary of Rs. 70/- in the grade of Rs. 60-5-125/- with effect from 1-1-49. Council No. 15, 18-1-49.

Consideration of the question of sanctioning the conveyance allowance of the General Secretary for the year 1949 at the rate of Rs. 150/- per month as before, with effect from 1-1-49. Sanction. Council No. 10, 21-4-49.

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Library Secretary's letter regarding the failure of Sri Girija Nath Bhattacharya in the Librarianship diploma examination of the Calcutta University. In view of the circumstances his increment, when due, be stopped for one year. Library Secretary to report to Council before increment is due. Lib. Com. No. 6, 10-5-49. Confirm. Council No. 5, 12-5-49.

Consideration of the question of making permanent Sri R. Chatterjee as Superintendent of the Society, with effect from 19-3-49. The services of Sri R. Chatterjee are extended till 30-9-49 and the President is requested to go through his case. Council No. 9, 21-4-49.

Application of the Lower Grade Employees for increment in salary and allowances. With effect from 1-7-49, an increment in basic salary at the following rates is recommended : Rs. 3/- per month to those members of the Lower Grade staff who have put in service for 12 years or more; Rs. 2/- per month to all others. Grant of an extra amount of Rs. 330/- from the Budget-head "Salary" be recommended for the purpose. Fin. Com. 11-7-49. Confirm. Council 7, 13-7-49.

Librarian—Consideration of the steps to be taken for the selection of the Librarian. A Selection Committee comprising the following members is constituted for considering the applications, interviewing the candidates and making recommendations. President, General Secretary, Hony. Treasurer (ex-officio), Dr. A. B. M. Habibullah, Dr. R. C. Majumdar and Dr. Niharranjan Ray. Council No. 4, 16-2-49.

The Sub-Committee of the Library Committee for the appointment of a Librarian at its meeting held on 9-3-49 recommended that the post be offered to Mr. S. K. Saraswati, M.A., on an initial salary of Rs. 400/- in the advertised grade of Rs. 300-25-600. The Library Committee of 9-3-49 approved this recommendation of the Sub-Committee. The Council of 21-3-49 resolved that Sri Sarasi Kumar Saraswati be appointed Librarian with effect from the date of his joining on an initial salary of Rs. 400/- per mensem in the grade of Rs. 300-25-600/- with the usual D. A. He would be on probation for 6 months. He will not be entitled to accept any remunerative work except that during the month of April, 1949, he may deliver a few lectures in the Post-Graduate Dept. of the University of Calcutta. Further details about the condition of his service to be settled by the President.

Consideration of the question of confirmation of Sri S. K. Saraswati as Librarian with effect from October, 1949, on his present pay, in the grade of Rs. 300-25-600/- . Confirm with effect from 1-10-49. Next increment will be on 1-1-50 as a special case. Council No. 13, 22-8-49.

Consideration of the report of the Special Committee comprising the President, Library Secretary and the General Secretary regarding the reshuffling of the Office Staff and changing designations of some members of the Staff as per the recommendations of the Special Finance Committee dated 19-4-49 and of the Council dated 21-4-49. Consideration of a note on the redistribution of duties amongst the Office Staff including menials, and a draft set of rules in this connection.

Order : The Special Committee consisting of the President, General Secretary and the Library Secretary to go into the details incluing the change of designations of posts and all cognate matters and prepare a note for the Council's approval. Council No. 3, & 4, 21-6-49.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL ON 21-6-49 FOR THE REORGANISATION OF THE OFFICE.—As requested by the Council we have further considered the question of distribution of duties and the naming and placing of employees in the General Office and the Library. We have also considered the question of confirming those Assistants who are now either on probation or working in a temporary capacity. We are not making any special recommendation about the Special posts maintained for Cataloguing Mss. or for assisting the work under Sir William Jones Commemoration Scheme.

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We recommend :—(a) That all employees in the General Office except the Superintendent should be designated as Assistants. For obvious reasons no Assistant should be given a name in relation to the Section he would be working at any particular time. (b) That the General Secretary should have the power and authority to transfer, whenever considered necessary, an Assistant from one Section to another or to place one Assistant in charge of more than one Section or part thereof. (c) That each and every Assistant should be required to have the knowledge and experience of at least one other Section other than the one he will be ordinarily working at. (d) That the two temporary Assistants (Sri D. L. Nandi and Sri N. Dutta) whose work has not been found to be satisfactory or up to the mark be given two months' notice of termination of their services and the vacancies should be filled up permanently by more efficient hands with effect from 1st. October, 1949. (e) That an Office Manual and Guide Book should be prepared detailing the routine of working of each separate Section and their co-ordination. (f) That a temporary hand experienced in filing and recording should be appointed for about two months to arrange files and records of the General Office and to train up at least two Assistants in filing and recording work, the remuneration to be fixed by the Council. (g) That the system of bill-collection and keeping of Accounts should be simplified according to a plan framed and approved for the purpose. The President, Treasurer and Secretary to put up proposals. (h) That the following gentlemen working on probation or in a temporary capacity, be confirmed in the appointments and in grades and salaries with effect from dates noted against their names :—

1. Sri Rakhahari Chatterjee as Superintendent, General Office, on a salary of Rs. 310/- in grade Rs. 250-20/2-350/- with effect from 1-7-49.

2. Sri Rabindra Nath Banerjee as Assistant, on a salary of Rs. 150/- in grade Rs. 150-10-250 with effect from 1-7-49.

3. Sri Sibdas Chaudhuri as Deputy Librarian in the Library on a salary of Rs. 150/- in grade Rs. 150-10-250 with effect from 1-7-49.

4. Mr. J. G. Steele as Stenographer-Assistant on a salary of Rs. 170/- in grade Rs. 125-15/2-200 with effect from 1-1-49.

5. Sri S. N. Banerjee as Assistant on a salary of Rs. 85/- on grade Rs. 60-5-125 with effect from 1-1-49.

(i) That duties in the General Office be distributed and assigned for the present as follows subject to recommendation (b) above :

1. Superintendent — General Supervision and co ordination. (Sri Rakhahari Chatterjee).

2. General Section— Assistant : Sri N. Gupta who will assist Despatch and Typing Sections in rush periods.

3. Publication Section — Assistant : Sri R. Banerjee.

4. Accounts Section — Assistant : Sri B. M. Chakravarti.

5. Receiving and Despatch Section — Assistant : To be appointed in place of Datta.

6. Typing Section — Assistant : Mr. J. G. Steele.

7. Sales and Stock Section — Assistant : Sri S, Banerjee.

8. Filing and Recording — Sri B. B. Mukherjee. He would also help the Account Section whenever necessary.

9. One Typist Assistant to be taken in place of Sri D. Nandi to help the Typing Section.

(j) All the permanent members of the Staff are to join the Provident Fund immediately, if they have not done so already.

Council of 13-7-49 resolved : Confirm. Service Rules & Rules for the Guidance of the Office Staff to be put up in the next Council by the Special Committee.

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The question of formation of a Selection Committee to make recommendation for the appointment of three Assistants in the General Office. A Selection Committee with President, Generrl Secretary, Treasurer and Dr. K. P. Biswas be formed. Council No. 17, 19-9-49.

The recommendations made by the Selection Committee regarding three appointments are approved with effect from the dates noted and for periods and on salaries as shown against each : (1) Monoj Kumar Ghosh (General Assistant-File) for 2 months, with effect from 21-11-49 on consolidated salary of Rs. 200/- without D. A., (2) Bireswar Banerjee (Despatcher), temporarily upto 31-3-50 with effect from 11-11-49, on Rs. 60/- plus the usual D. A., (3) Amar Nath Bhattacharya, temporarily upto 31-12-49 and then on probation for 6 months from 1-1-50, on Rs. 60/- plus D. A. in the grade of Rs. 60-5-125/-. Council No. 18, 16-11-49.

VISITS—Letter dated 15-1-49 from the Private Secretary to the Hon'ble Minister for Education, Government of India, regarding the visit of the Minister to the Society on 24th January, 1949. Record. The General Secretary to take necessary action in this connection. Council No. 22, 18-1-49.

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LIST OF ORDINARY MEMBERS, 1949

R=Resident. N=Non-Resident. F=Foreign. L=Life.

Date of Election.		
5-9-49	N	**Ali,** M. ASHRAF, B.A., *Asst, Personnel Officer,* E. B. Railway, Pahartali, Chittagong, E. Pakistan.
7-3-49	R	**Antoine,** R., S.J., *Teacher, St. Xavier's College,* 30, Park Street, Calcutta.
4-7-49	N	**Bagchi,** DHURJATI PRASAD, M.A., LL.B., *United Provinces Civil Service,* 38D, Major Banks Road, Lucknow.
7-3-49	R	**Banerjee,** BENOYENDRA NATH, B.A., B.L., *Pleader, Legal Assistant to Sandersons & Morgans, Solicitors,* 20D, Southern Avenue Calcutta.
1-8-49	F	**Banerjee,** GOVIND RAMANAND, *Businessman and Accountant,* Stewartville, West Coast Demerara, British Guiana.
4-7-49	R	**Banerjee,** SUDHANSU MOHAN, M.A., B.L., *Indian Audit and Accounts Service.* 11, Ballygunge Park, Calcutta.
6-6-49	R	**Basu,** SHIBANI, M.A., *Research Student,* 109A, Monoharpukur Road, Kalighat, Calcutta.
2-5-49	N	**Bhanj Deo,** PRAFULLA CHANDRA, LALSAHEB KUMAR, M.A. (CANTAB). *Honorary Special Officer, Rural Classes Welfare Dept.,* Orissa Government. *c/o.* The Purna Chandra Rice Mill, Baripada, Mayurbhanj.
4-7-49	R	**Bhattacharjee,** TARAPADA, KAVYA-SANKHYA, SMRITI PURANTIRTHA, PURAN RATNA, *Head Pandit, Mugkalyan H. E. School,* P.O. Mugkalyan, Dt. Howrah.
4-7-49	R	**Bhattacharya,** SHIBADAS, *Artist (Fine Arts).* 7, Rajendra Deb Road. Calcutta-7.
5-9-49	R	**Biswas,** SAMARENDRANATH, M.A., *Prof. of Sanskrit, P. C. Roy College, Bagerhat, Khulna.* 17, Jaliatola Street, Calcutta-6.
7-3-49	R	**Bose,** NIRMAL KUMAR, M.SC., *Lecturer, Calcutta University,* 37, Bosepara Lane, Calcutta.
2-5-49	N	**Chakrabarti,** SACHINDRA NATH, B.A., *Registered Homœopathic Practitioner, State Faculty of Homœopathy,* West Bengal, Roypara, P.O. Krishnagar (Nadia).
1-8-49	R	**Chakravorty,** RAMENDRANATH, *Principal, Govt. School of Art,* Calcutta.
5-9-49	R	**Chattopadhyaya,** BASANTA KUMAR, M.A., *Retired Accountant-General,* 3, Sambhunath Pandit Street, Calcutta.
6-6-49	R	**Chatterjee,** HEMENDRA NATH, M.B., M.D., F.R.S.T.M. & H. (ENG.), *Visiting Physician, National Medical Institute,* 9, Romes Mitter Road, Bhowanipur, Calcutta.
7-3-49	R	**Chatterjee,** PASUPATI, M.A., *Journalist,* 22C, Aswini Datta Road, Calcutta-29.
4-7-49	R	**Chatterji,** JYOTSNA NATH, M.A., *Zamindar,* 21/A, Duff Street, Calcutta.
4-4-49	R	**Chaube,** JAMUNA SHANKAR, M.A., *Lecturer in Hindi (Surendra Nath College, Calcutta),* 52, Strand Road, Calcutta.
1-8-49	N	**Chaudhuri,** R., *Govt. Service (Civil Supply Inspector, C. S. Dept., Govt, of West Bengal)* C/o. G. C. Roy, Esq., Lokepore, Bankura B. N. Rly.
7-2-49	N	**Coates,** JOSEPH, A.B.S.M., F.G.S., F.N.I., *Senior Geologist, India,* The Burma Oil Company (I. C.) Ltd., Cecil Hotel, Delhi.
5-9-49	N	**Dam,** KUKMINIKANTA, M.A., B.T., *Headmaster, Kabikati R. S. H. E. School,* P.O. Kalihati, Dist. Mymensingh.
7-3-49	N	**Danielou,** ALAIN, *Author of authoritative works on Musical Public,* Ramna Kutiri, Assighat, Banaras.

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4-7-49	N	**De,** NARENDRA KUMAR, B.SC., M.I.E.T., A.M.I.S.E., *Service, Mechanical Engineer's Office*, SCOB. LTD., Burnpur, Burdwan.
2-5-49	R	**Fryling,** JAN, DR. DIPLOMATE (Former Acting Ambassador of Poland in China) *Author.* Grand Hotel No. 282, Calcutta.
4-4-49	N	**Ganguly,** D. C., M.A., PH.D., *Secretary and Curator*, Victoria Memorial, formerly Reader in History, Dacca University.
5-12-49	N	**Ganguly,** HEMENDRANATH, M.A., *Businessman, Writer & Congress Worker.* "Dinatarini," Circular Road, Ranchi.
4-4-49	R	**Ghosh,** MRS. ANNA, (1) *Formerly Bacteriologist, Pasteur Institute, Paris.* (2) *Formerly Managing Director*, Standard Pharmaceutic Works, Ltd. 2/1, Bright Street, Calcutta-19.
2-5-49	R	**Ghosh,** HARENDRA NATH, *Barrister-at-Law*, 48, Hindusthan Park, Calcutta-29.
5-12-49	R	**Ghosh,** MANOMOHAN, M.A. (Cal), PH.D. (Cal). *Vice-Principal and the Senior Professor of Bengali*, Charu Chandra College, Calcutta.
5-12-49	N	**Gogoi,** PADMESWAR, M.A., *Lecturer in Economics and Assamese*, Gauhati University, Gauhati, Rajbari, Uzanbazar, P.O, Gauhati, Assam,
7-2-49	N	**Gupta,** BAL MUKUND, M.A., *Sahityaratna, Professor, D. A. V. College*, Kanpur.
3-1-49	N	**Gupta,** DR. SOMNATH, SAHITYA-RATNA, M.A., (Allhd.), PH.D. (Agra), *Professor and Head, Hindi Department*, Jaswant College, Sardarpura, Jodhpur.
7-11-49	F	**Hoffmann,** JUAN ERNESTO, *Professor, graduated distinction, Frackfurt-Main University (1921) & Hamburg Univ*; San Jose Costarica, America Central Casa 451—Calle La Sur-Aven. 4-6.
7-2-49	N	**Hota,** SIDDHESHWAR, M.A., YOTISH SASTRI (Gold Medalist), *Professor of Sanskrit and Oriya*, Balasore Government College, Balasore, Orissa.
5-12-49	R	**Jain,** SUMANT PRASADA, M.A., (English & Economics), LL.B., *Deputy Director of Movements, Ministry of Food, Calcutta.* Imperial House, P24, Mission Row Extension, Flat No. 30, Calcutta.
5-9-49	R	**Jhunjhunwala,** BISWANATH, B.COM., B.L., *Advocate, Legal Practitioner.* 66, Pathuriaghata Street, Calcutta.
3-1-49	R	**Kapoor,** SHIV KUMAR, B.A., *Tea Planter and Businessman*, 23 Park Street, Calcutta.
7-3-49	N	**Kela,** R. N., B. SC, L.T., *The Central Institute of Education*, 5, Cavalry Lines, Delhi 2.
7-3-49	R	**Khan,** ABDUR RAFIQUE, M.A., *Research Fellow of Calcutta University*, 172/21, Lower Circular Road, Calcutta.
7-3-49	N	**Levy** GEORGE M., *Research Student (Philosophy & Religion) Member of Asiatic Society, Japan, C/o. Maneklal*, 35, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay.
2-5-49	R	**Macdonald,** RUPERT MACKAY, *Asst. Secretary, Bengal Chamber of Commerce*, 3, Dover Road, Ballygunge, Calcutta.
3-1-49	R	**Mahanti,** KHAGESWAR, M.A., B.L., *Fellow of Utkal University*, P.O. Baudh Raj, Orissa.
1-8-49	R	**Majumdar,** SATIS CHANDRA, *Rai Bahadur, Retired District Magistrate*, 1, Robinson Street, Calcutta.
7-11-49	R	**Masumi,** ABU MAHFUZUL KARIM, *Lecturer in Arabic, Calcutta Madrassa*, 21. Wellesley Square, Calcutta.
7-11-49	N	**Mirza,** (Dr.) MOHAMMAD WAHID, M.A., (Punj.) PH.D. (London), *Reader and Head of the Department of Arabic*, Lucknow University, Lucknow.
7-11-49	R	**Mitra,** RAJYESWAR, B.A., *Assistant, Office of GDOF*,

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2-5-49	R	**Mukerjee,** BANKIM CHANDRA, M.A., B.L., *Advocate, High Court,* Calcutta.
2-5-49	R	**Mukherjee,** DILIP KUMAR, B.A., *Writer, Businessman and Landholder,* 2, Asu Babu Lane, Kidderpore, Calcutta.
7-3-49	R	**Mukerjee,** RENU PADA, *Research Worker in History,* 23. Lall Bazar Street. Calcutta.
3-7-49	R	**Mukherjee,** DHIRENDRA KUMAR, M.A., B.L., *Jnana-Sri, Retired District Judge,* 86F, Manoharpukur Road, Calcutta.
1-8-49	N	**Musavi,** M. H., M.A., *Reader and Head of the Dept. of Persian, University of Delhi, Senior Lecturer,* Delhi College, Delhi.
5-12-49	R	**Niyogi,** ROMA, (Srimati), M.A., *Lecturer in History Hooghly Women's College, Chinsurah,* 2A, Keshab Sen Lane, Calcutta 9.
7-3-49	L	**Nowlakha,** CHARITRA COOMAR, *Nowlakha Bhawan,* P.O. Azimganj, West Bengal,
7-11-49	R	**Patodia,** DEOKI NANDAN, B. COM., *Businessman,* 49, Vivekananda Road, Calcutta.
4-4-49	R	**Rahul,** PROFESSOR R.N., *Tibetan Research Worker, Mahabodhi Society,* Reading Road, New Delhi. C/o. The Swiss Consulate, 8, Clive Building Road, Calcutta.
2-5-49	N	**Ramamurti,** SRI G., B.A., *Teacher, High School.* P.O. Tekkali. Dist. Vizag.
5-12-49	R	**Raychaudhuri,** GOLAPCHANDRA, M.A., B.L., P.R.S., Ph.D. (Lond.), *Lecturer, Calcutta University.* 6, Mysore Road, Calcutta-26.
5-9-49	R	**Roy,** GAUTAMSANKAR, *Asst. Lecturer. Calcutta University,* 45, European Asylum Lane. Calcutta 16.
7-3-49	R	**Sanyal,** SUDHINDRA KUMAR, M.A., B.L., *Jt. Controller of Rationing,* 24A, Goabagan Lane, Calcutta.
4-7-49	N	**Saraswat,** PT. HAR DATTA, M.A., LL.B., *Sahitya Ratna, Kavyatirtha, Shastri Patta Officer,* c/o. Surendra Dave, 6 Jaloribad, Jodhpur.
5-12-49	R	**Sarbadhikari,** BISWA RANJAN, M.A. (Cal.), *Landholder,* 49 Dharmatala Street, Calcutta-13.
4-7-49	R	**Sen,** NIRMAL KUMAR, M.A., B.L., *Deputy Legal Remembrancer to the Govt. of West Bengal,* 98/8, Russa Road, Calcutta-26.
7-2-49	R	**Sengupta,** PADMINI, MRS., M.A, *Welfare Officer,* C/o Indian Jute Mills Association, and Journalist, 25, Riverside, Barrackpore.
5-12-49	N	**Shaida,** BENARSI DASS, M.A., B.T., *Headmaster, Arya High School,* Patiala, (East Punjab).
2-5-49	N	**Singhania,** P. D. *Businessman,* Kamala Tower, Kanpur.
4-7-49	N	**Sitholey,** B. S. *Retired Civilian Officer (Gazetted) of Army Head Quarters, Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India,* New Delhi, Lal Bagh, Lucknow,
5-9-49	R	**Srinivasan,** K. S., *Curator, Industrial Section, Indian Museum,* 1, Sudder Street, Calcutta.
5-12-49	N	**Tandon,** KRISHNA (MRS.), M.A., L.T., *Professor of Political Science* Sen Balika Vidyalaya, Kanpur.
7-11-49	R	**Tripathi,** AMALES, M.A., *Professor of History, Central Calcutta, (W.B.E.S.),* 83/8, Russa Road, South, Calcutta.
2-5-49	R	**Vaish,** HANUMAN PERSHAD, B.A., (Formerly) *Superintendent of Museum and Archaeology, Jaipur.* Prince Mansion, 11, Middleton Row, Park Street, Calcutta.
7-2-49	L	**Vira,** RAGHU, M.A., PH.D., D.LITT. ET PHIL. *Professor,* Old Assembly Rest House, Nagpur, C. P.
7-11-49	R	**Weiner,** MRS. H., *Qualified Pharmacist,* 4B, Little Russell Street, Calcutta.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETINGS, 1949

Monday, the 3rd January, 1949, at 5-15 p.m.

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R.P. MOOKERJEE, PRESIDENT. (in the Chair.)

Members :

Bhaduri, J. L.,
Bose, J. K.,
Basu, Snehendu,
Chakravarti, P.,
Chatterjee, P. C.,
Chatterjee, R.,
Chatterjee, P. P.
Chatterji, S. K.,
Chaudhuri, B. K.,
Chopra, Hira Lall,
Das Gupta, C. C.,
Fawcus, L. R.,
Gupta, A. B.,
Majumdar, R. C.,
Majumdar, Probhas Ch.,
Majumdar, A. K.,
Mallya, B. E.,
Ray, Nihar-ranjan,
Saraswati, S. K.

Visitor

Sarkar, Kshitish Ch.

Dr. S. K. Chatterji, Offg. General Secretary, read the minutes of the last monthly meeting held on 6th December, 1948, which were confirmed and signed.

The Offg. Secretary announced receipt of twenty-nine books presented to the Society during November 1948. The books were placed on the table.

The Chaiman called for a ballot for the election of five candidates for membership and ballot papers were distributed. Dr. J. L. Bhaduri and Dr. J. K. Bose were appointed to act as scrutineers.

While the voting proceeded the Chairman took up the next item on the agenda and enquired whether any member intended to give notice of any motion under Rule 57-d.

There was no such motion.

(a) Monthly routine matters were next taken up :

1. The announcement of the death of the following Ordinary Member was made :

(8) Farrokh E. Bharucha (Businessman, Bombay)—Ord. Member, 1940.

2. The Chairman further announced that there were six resignations, viz :—

(52)	J. H. O'Hagan	...	(Ord. Member, 1940)
(53)	M. Gupta	...	(„ „ 1947)
(54)	Raja B. N. Ray Chowdhury of Santosh		„ 1945)
(55)	Thomas S. Bloodworth Jr.		(„ „ 1947)
(56)	R. L. C. Footit	...	(„ „ 1945)
(57)	C. R. Stonor	...	(„ „ 1947)

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3. Lapses of Election and Withdrawals of Application—Nil.

(b) The Chairman announced that Dr. S. K. Chatterji and Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi have been nominated to represent the Society at the Special Jubilee Convocation of the Lucknow University to be held from 27th to 29th January, 1949. The Society would not have to incur any expenses in this connection.

(c) He also announced that Dr. K. P. Biswas and Dr. K. N. Bagchi have been nominated to represent the Society at the Ninth All-India Pharmaceutical Conference to be held at Allahabad from 2nd to 5th January, 1949. No expenses are to be incurred by the Society in this matter.

(d) The Chairman reported that the Council have proposed certain additions to the Regulations regarding the Library (Reading Room only) as given below :—

REGULATIONS REGARDING THE LIBRARY

N.B.—Members are requested to refer to pp. 22-25 of the Rules and Regulations of the Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal, Revised to August 1945, for Regulations 1 to 24 regarding the Library. It is proposed as a supplementary regulation No. 25 as follows, for the use of the Reading Room of the Library.

25. Rules for the Reading Room of the Library :—

(1) The Reading Room will open at 10 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. daily except Sundays and Library Holidays.

(2) Books will not be issued for reference in the Reading Room after 6-30 p.m.

(3) Readers desirous of using the Library shall enter their names and addresses legibly in a Register kept for the purpose.

(4) No member will be admitted into the Reading Room unless he is a member of the Society or in possession of a letter of introduction from any member of the Council or a Fellow of the Society.

(5) None using the Reading Room shall talk loudly enough to cause annoyance or inconvenience to other readers or workers.

(6) A member shall not smoke or light any match or lighter, etc. within the Library.

(7) Books issued to readers will not ordinarily be 'Kept out' for more than 4 days.

(8) Readers shall not carelessly or negligently soil, tear out, deface, damage, injure or destroy any book, manuscript, etc. of the Library.

(9) Before leaving the Library readers shall return to the assistant at the counter any books, MSS., etc. that have been lent to him for consultation in the Reading Room, and take back the duly cancelled vouchers signed by him. He will be held responsible for the books issued to him.

(10) Readers will not bring their personal belongings such as bags, overcoats, umbrellas, books, etc, into the Reading Room but will deposit them with the 'durwan' posted at the door of the Reading Room who will give them numbered tokens for the articles deposited.

(11) Personal belongings deposited with the durwan must be taken back in course of the day on production of the tokens given by the durwan.

(12) Readers will not be allowed access to any part of the Library other than the Reading Room.

(13) If readers want to bring books into the Reading Room which are

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indispensably required by them for use in the room, permission in writing for the purpose is to be taken from the Librarian before they are actually taken into the room.

(14) Personal books taken into the Reading Room with the special permission of the Librarian are not to be taken out by readers themselves but will be carried for them out of the room by a peon under the instructions of the Librarian.

(15) A Member who commits any wilful infringement of the Reading Room Regulations and wilfully obstructs, disturbs, or annoys any other person using the Library may be excluded or removed from the Reading Room by the Librarian in charge.

(16) Cases of incivility, or other complaints regarding the work of the Library Staff are to be made direct to the Librarian incharge or in writing to the General Secretary.

(e) The Chairman further reported that the following supplementary budget allotments have been sanctioned by the Council.

No.	Budget Head	Extra Allotment required	From which Budget Head
III	Commission	350/-	I
V	Fan, Light, Telephone	200/-	XXII
VII	Postage	550/-	XXII
VIII	Contingencies	300/-	XXII
XVIII	Dearness Allowance for Office and Library Staff.	1200/-	I
,,	Interim Relief to Lower Sub Staff (menials).	1140/-	I

In this connection the Chairman further said that the closing balance of 1948 was higher than on what we had last year.

(f) The Chairman reported that the following 15 names of members have been removed under Rule 38 :—

1. J. C. Bhattacharya. 2. A. Brahmachari. 3. Sir A. Chatteriee. 4. Capt. P. Claque. 5. J. M. Chaudhuri. 6. H. G. Chatterjee. 7. B. B. Chatterjee. 8. J. C. De. 9. L. C. Finch. 10. H. M. A. Hai. 11. P. D. Law. 12. G. H. Mason 13. H. R. Patel. 14. K. R. Savaria. 15. Mowdadoor Rahman. and the following 2 names of members have been removed under Rule 40 :—

1. Dr. H. Poleman. 2. Capt. A. E. R. Bruce.

(g) Regarding the alleged irregularities in the publication of articles in the Journal (re. Mr. A. K. Majumdar's motion in a previous Monthly Meeting) the Chairman said that this statement had not been substantiated during the enquiry by the Committee and therefore no action was called for. We have pulled up the arrears much better than we had expected and we expect to be up-to-date in 1949. The report was recorded.

(h) The Chairman reported the action taken on Dr. A. K. Sen's motion regarding the appointment of a Special Enquiry Committee to go into the financial administration of the Society

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with reference to Nos. 67, 69 and 70 of the Rules of the Society. The points raised have been suitably dealt with and action taken. The report was recorded.

The Chairman called upon Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi to read the paper on "*Sirr-i-Akbar*" by B. J. Hasrat. In the absence of Dr. Siddiqi, Dr. S. K. Chatterji was requested to give a resume of the paper. After Dr. Chatterji had given a short description of the paper the President and Mr. Hiralal Chopra added a few words.

Two exhibits were placed on the table and the Chairman called upon Pandit P. B. Chakravarti to explain the important features of these two rare manuscripts, viz :

(1) "Bṛhati of Prabhākara Misra."

(2) "Spanda-vivṛti by Rajanaka Srirama.

The Pandit gave a description of both these Mss. and the members evinced great interest in all that he said.

The Chairman informed the members that the Council is going to add to the Journal in every issue a few pages which will be devoted for giving necessary particulars of interesting or rare Mss. in possession of the Society. That will be a new feature in the Journal from the current year.

The Chairman then announced the result of the ballot. All the candidates named below were elected :

(68) *Roy, Kumar Bahadur Romen of Bhagyakul*, Zemindar and Businessman, 104 Shova Bazar Street, Calcutta.

Proposer : K. Biswas. *Seconder* : Rakhahari Chatterjee.

(69) *Gupta, Dr. Somnath*, Sahitya-Ratna, M.A. (Allhd.), Ph.D. (Agra), Professor and Head, Hindi Department, Jaswant College, Sardarpura, Jodhpur.

Proposer : Rakhahari Chatterjee. *Seconder :* Charu Chandra Das Gupta.

(70) *Mahani, Khageswar*, M.A., B.L., Fellow of Utkal University, P.O. Baudh Raj, Orissa.

Proposer : P. Acharya. *Seconder :* K. N. Bagchi.

(71) *Mukherji, Dhirendra Kumar*, M.A., B.L., Jana-Sri, Retired District Judge, 86F, Monoharpukur Road, Calcutta.

Proposer : Rakhahari Chatterjee. *Seconder :* S. K. Chaudhuri.

(72) *Kapoor, Shiv Kumar*, B.A., Tea Planter and Businessman, 23 Park Street, Calcutta.

Proposer : Hira Lall Chopra. *Seconder* : Rakhahari Chatterjee.

The Chairman then thanked Pandit P. B. Chakravarti and declared the meeting closed.

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Monday, the 7th February, 1949, immediately after the Annual Meeting.

PRESIDENT

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R. P. MOOKERJEE, M.A., B.L., President, in the Chair.

Members :

Bagchi, K. N.
Bhaduri, J. L.
Bhattacharyya, Nirmal.
Banerjee, J. N.
Chakravarti, C.
Chakravarti, P.
Chatterjee, R.
Chatterjee, P. P.
Chatterji, S. K.
Das, T. C.
Das Gupta, C. C.
Ghose, R. C.
Ghoshal, U. N.
Griffiths, W. G.
Haldar, M.
Hora, S. L.
Mallya, B. G.
Mitra, S. K.
Mukherjee, N. D.
Mukerji, D. K.
Ray. N.
Saraswati, S. K.
Sen, J. M.
Sharma, T. D.
Sircar, Ganapati,
Waddington, H.
West, W. D., and others.

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 3rd of January, 1949 were read and confirmed.

The President directed the ballot papers to be distributed to members for election of Ordinary Members and appointed Dr. J. N. Banerjea and Mr. S. K. Saraswati as scrutineers for scrutinising the voting papers.

The President enquired of the meeting whether any member wished to give notice of any motion under *Rule 57-D.*

There was no such motion.

The President then announced the reports and communications from the Council, under *Rule 57-g.*

(a) Monthly routine matters :—

1. Deaths — There has been no loss by death.

2. Resignations :—

(1)	K. A. L. Hill ...	(Ord. Member,	May, 1945)
(2)	S. C. Sen ...	(„ „	Feb, 1940)
(3)	I. A. Pannikar ...	(„ „	Sep, 1946)
(4)	The Most Rev. Dr. George Hubback.	(„ „	Nov, 1946)
(5)	Babulal Lath ...	(„ „	Apr, 1945)
(6)	K. M. Asadullah ...	(„ „	May. 1940)

3. Lapses of Election — 2.

(1)	Amullya Ratan Bhattacharya	(Elected on 2-8-48)
(2)	Rajendra Lal Mukherjee	(„ „ 5-7-48)

4. Withdrawal of application — Nil.

Disposal of Motions — Nil.

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On the report of the scrutineers the President announced the result of the ballot for the election of Ordinary Members and declared that all the candidates proposed for election were elected unanimously, as follows :—

(6) *Coates, Joseph*, A.B.S.M., F.G.S., F.N.I., Senior Geologist, India, The Burma Oil Company (I. C.) Ltd., Cecil Hotel, Delhi.

Proposer : W. D. West, *Seconder* : K. N. Bagchi.

(7) *Sengupta, Padmini, Mrs.*, M.A., Welfare Officer, C/o, Indian Jute Mills Association, and Journalist, 25, Riverside Barrackpore.

Proposer : Pulin Behari Chakravarti, *Seconder* : Rakhahari Chatterjee

(8) *Hota, Siddheshwar*, M.A., Yotis Sastri (Gold Medalist), Professor of Sanskrit and Oriya, Balasore Government College, Balasore, Orissa.

Proposer : Rakhahari Chatterjee. *Seconder* : Dinesh Ch. Sircar.

(9) *Vira, Raghu*, M.A., PH.D., D.Litt et Phil., Professor. Old Assembly Rest House, Nagpur, C.P.

Proposer : Suniti Kumar Chatterjee. *Seconder* : K. N. Bagchi.

(10) *Gupta, Bal Mukund*, M.A., Sahityaratna, Professor, D.A,V. College, Kanpur.

Proposer : L. N. Agarwala. *Seconder* : H. Singh.

(11) *Sreenivasachar, P*, M.A., PH.D., (London), Lecturer in History, University of Rangoon, 95, Inya Road, University Estate, Rangoon, Burma.

Proposer : D. Guha. *Seconder* : Rakhahari Chatterjee.

The President then said that this finished the ordinary business of the meeting and requested the members to kindly go out and see the Exhibits.

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Monday, the 7th March, 1949, 5-15 p.m.

PRESENT

DR. M. Z. SIDDIQI, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Members :

Agrawal, B. M.,
Biswas, K.,
Chakravarti, P.,
Chatterjee, R.
Das, T. C.,
Das Gupta,, C. C.,
Ganguli, K.,
Ghosh, D. P.,
Haldar, M.,
Hora, S L.,
Ishaque, M.,
Majumdar, A. K.,
Mitra,, S. K.,
Ray, Niharranjan,
Saraf, C. M.,
Saraswati, S. K.,
Sen, J. M.,
Siddiqi, M. Z.,
Ukil, A. C, and others.

The Chairman requested the General Secretary to read the minutes of the last monthly meeting held on 7th February, 1949. The minutes were read and confirmed.

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The General Secretary announced receipt of 26 books presented to the Society's library during December, 1948 and January, 1949. They were placed on the table for inspection.

For the election of 12 new candidates for membership of the Society ballot papers were distributed and the Chairman appointed Messrs. Saraswati and Agarwal as scrutineers.

The Chairman enquired if any member wished to give notice of any motion under *section 57 (d)* at this meeting.

There was no such motion.

The General Secretary then read out the communications from the Council, under *Rule 57-g.*

(a) Monthly routine matters :—

1. Deaths—LT. COL. DAVID MCKAY, M.D., M.R.C.P., I.M.S., (A Life Member from 2-8-05 and A. Fellow from 6-2-18).

The Chairman requested Dr. A. C. Ukil to write an obituary notice of the late Colonel McKay. Dr. Ukil promised to do so, and gave a short biography of the Colonel.

2. The General Secretary announced the resignation of the following members :—

(7) B. N. Ghosh	...	(Ord. Member Feb., 1945)
(8) B. N. Chaudhuri	...	(,, ,, Jan., 1947)
(9) W. D. Bryden	...	(,, ,, July., 1946)

3. There were no lapses of election or withdrawals of application.

(b) The General Secretary announced that the Council recommended the name of Dr. Abanindra Nath Tagore to the Andhra University for the award of the Sir Cattamanchi Ramalinga Reddy National Prize for 1949 in Fine Arts.

(c) He also announced that Sri Rajendra Chandra Kar, M.A., and Sri Sunil Kumar Roy, M.A., had been appointed temporarily at present as Cataloguers for printed books on a consolidated salary of Rs. 160/- and Rs. 150/- per mensem respectively inclusive of the Dearness Allowance with effect from 1-2-49.

(d) The Chairman then took up the next item on the agenda, re : the date of the Special General Meeting to be convened for discussion of the Annual Report and Accounts for 1948. Prof. J.M. Sen suggested that by beginning the next Monthly Meeting a little earlier and by cutting down the number of papers to be read at that meeting, it would be possible to find sufficient time for the discussion on Annual Report, &c. Dr. Majumdar and others agreed with this idea and the fixing of the time of the meeting was left to the President. The Chairman accepted the suggestion and announced accordingly.

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The Chairman then requested Dr. S. K. Mitra to read the summary of the paper on "Ibn al-Haitham on the Paraboloidal Focussing Mirror" by Dr. H. J. J. Winter and Mr. W. Arafat who were absent. Dr. Mitra gave a very interesting summary of the paper and explained the salient features of the paper on the blackboard. There was a short discussion and the Chairman pointed out that the Ibn al-Haitham mentioned in Dr. Winter's paper may be Ibn al-Hassam and gave reasons.

The Chairman then called upon Pt. P.B. Chakravarti to show the Exhibits. The first exhibit shown was an ancient MS- Padacandrika by Rayamukuta, which was followed by a Copper-plate Inscription of Bhavadeva.

The members evinced great interest in these two exhibits, and the copper-plate was examined by many mambers present. There was no definite date given on the copper-plate. The characters according to Pt. P. B. Chakravarti were akin ro alphabets which were current in East Bengal in the eleventh century and thirteenth or fourteenth century according to Dr. R. C. Mazumdar who conceded however that the plate might belong to an earlier period. A fuller scrutiny was necessary as historical chronology might have to be changed if it was found on closer inspection that the plate actually belonged to the 11th century.

The Chairman then announced the result of the ballot. As reported by the scrutineers all the candidates named below were elected unanimously :

(12) *Sanyal, Sudhindra Kumar*, M.A., B.L., Jt. Controller of Rationing, 24A. Goabagan Lane, Calcutta.

Proposer : R. Chatterjee. *Seconder :* K. N. Bagchi.

(13) *Nowlakha, Charitra Coomar*, Nowlakha Bhawan, P.O. Azimganj, West Bengal.

Proposer : R. Chatterjee. *Seconder :* K. N. Bagchi.

(14) *Levy George M.*, Research Student (Philosophy & Religion) Member of Asiatic Society, Japan, C/o. Maneklal, 35, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay.

Proposer : R. Chatterjee. *Seconder* : M. Z. Siddiqi.

(15) *Kela, R. N.*, B.Sc. L.T., The Central Institute of Education, 5, Cavalry Lines, Delhi-2.

Proposer : R. Chatterjee. *Seconder :* Jitendra Nath Banerjee.

(16) *Khan, Abdur Rafique*, M.A., Research Fellow of Calcutta University, 172/21, Lower Circular Road, Calcutta.

Proposer ; M. Ishaque. *Seconder* : M. Z. Siddiqi.

(17) *Antoine, R., S.J.*, Teacher, St. Xavier's College, 30, Park Street, Calcutta,

Proposer : R. Chatterjee. *Seconder* : D. K. Mukerji.

(18) *Danielou, Alain*, Author of authoritative works on Musical Theory. Rewa Kothi, Assighat, Banaras.

Proposer : S. K. Chatterji. *Seconder ;* A. C. Ukil.

(19) *Sharman, Dennis Alexander*, Chartered Secretary. Brooke Bond —India, Ltd., 74, Theatre Road. Calcutta.

Proposer ; R. Chatterjee. *Seconder* : M. Husain.

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(20) *Bose, Nirmal Kumar*, M.Sc. Lecturer, Calcutta University, 37, Bosepara Lane, Calcutta.

Proposer : J. L. Bhaduri. *Seconder* : K. N. Bagchi.

(21) *Chatterjee, Pasupati*, M.A., Journalist, 22C, Aswini Datta Road, Calcutta-29.

Proposer : S. K. Chatterji. *Seconder* : N. C. Bhattacharyya.

(22) *Banerjee, Benoyendra Nath*, B.A., B L., Pleader, Legal Assistant to Sandersons & Morgans, Solicitors, 20D, Southern Avenue, Calcutta.

Proposer : H. P. Bensley. *Seconder* : K. N. Bagchi.

(23) *Mukerjee, Renu Pada*, Research Worker in History. 23, Lal Bazar Street, Calcutta.

Proposer : S. K. Chatterji. *Seconder* : Sukumar Sen.

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Monday, the 4th April, 1949, 5-15 p.m.

PRESENT

DR. R. C. MAJUMDAR (Vice-President) in the Chair-

Members :

Bagchi, K. N.
Banerjea, J. N.
Benthall, A. P.
Bhattacharyya, Nirmal,
Bose, J. K.
Chakravarti, P.
Chatterjee, R.
Das, T. C.
Das Gupta, C. C.
Ganguli, R.
Ghose, R. C.
Ghosh, D. P.
Majumdar, A. K.
Majumdar, P. C.
Majumdar, R. C.
Mitra, S. K.
Ray, S. K.
Saraswati, S. K.
Sen, H. N.
Sen, J. M.
Sen, M. K.
Sen, S. P.
Ukil, A. C,

Visitor :

Das Gupta, N. N.

The Chairman requested the General Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting held on 7-3-49. The minutes were read and confirmed.

The General Secretary announced receipt of 13 books presented to the Society during February, 1949. They were placed on the table for inspection.

The Chairman called for a ballot for the election of 7 new candidates for membership of the Society, and appointed Prof. N. C. Bhattacharyya and Mr. S. K. Saraswati as scrutineers.

The Chairman enquired if any one intended to give notice of any motion under *Rule 57-d*.

No motion was tabled by any member.

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The General Secretary read out the communications from the Council under Rule 57-g.

(a) Monthly routine matters :—

1. Deaths—Nil.

2. Resignation of Mr. L. R. Fawcus, C.S.I., C.I.E., B.A. (Cantab.), I.C.S. He was a member of the Society since December, 1929.

3. Lapses of Election—4.

Ramesh Chandra Tewari	...	Elected on 1-11-48
Mrs. Someshwari Tewari	...	,, ,, ,,
Bhupendra Nath Bhattacharya		,, ,, ,,
H. C. Singhal	...	,, ,, ,,

4. Withdrawal of applications—Nil.

(b) The Chairman announced that the names of Dr. D. S. Sarbahi, D. Sc., and Dr. J. F. Rock, Ph. D., who are our members and are now in the U. S. A. had been forwarded as the representatives of the Society at the 53rd Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science to be held at Philadelphia on the 8th & 9th April, 1949.

(c) In accordance with Rule 48-d, the Chairman announced the appointment of Mr. S. K. Saraswati, M. A., as the Librarian on an initial salary of Rs. 400/- per mensem, plus D. A., in the advertised grade of Rs. 300-25-600/- for six months, on probation, with effect from the date of his joining the post.

(d) The General Secretary then announced that the Council decided to constitute the following Specialist Sectional Committees in addition to the 4 Ordinary Standing Committees, viz : (1) Finance, (2) Publication, (3) Bibliotheca Indica, and (4) Library Committees :

(1) Scientific Advisory Committee.

(2) Cultural Advisory Committee, with its two Sub-Committees, viz :—

(a) Art, Archæological and Historical Studies Sub-Committee.

(b) Linguistic and Literary Studies Sub-Committee.

The Chairman enquired if the members wanted him to read the names of the Committee members.

Dr. A. C. Ukil requested the Chairman to make a statement to explain why so many Committees were formed in the past as compared with those now announced. This information, he said, would satisfy the members.

The Chairman explained the whole position to the members and mentioned that the formation of many Sectional Committees began from the time of the Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.G.A. Edgley,

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when he was the President. Most of these Sectional Committees failed for want of a quorum. It was useless to have such a large number of Committees as it was merely a waste of time and stationery. The Chairman further said that the Council selected the names from the last year's lists and he looked forward to the members for co-operation in making the Committees formed a real success from every point of view.

The Chairman next announced that in the absence of the Author, the paper on 'Contributions to Affine Differential Geometry' by T. S. Nanjundiah, would be taken as read. The house agreed.

The Chairman then invited members to initiate a discussion on the Annual Report and Abstract of Receipts and Expenditures for 1948.

Dr. Ukil said that the annual report was very carefully gone into by the Finance Committee this year and he proposed the adoption of the same and the proposal was carried unanimously.

After this there was a discussion concerning the amendments to the constitution and rules of the R.A.S.B. The Chairman said that he had no exact knowledge but from what the Secretary told him he came to know that the last resolution was that the matter was to be postponed for the time being due to various causes, and that the Council would take the matter up at an early date in the current year.

The following resolution was then moved at the Meeting by Mr. N. C. Bhattacharya :

"This Meeting recommends to the Council that steps are to be taken at an early date to revise the Constitution and Rules already drafted."

The resolution was however withdrawn when the Chairman assured the mover that the Council also intended to do that.

After this Dr. C. C. Das Gupta demanded a discussion on the administration of the Library and wanted to make some suggestions for improvement of the procedure of lending books, &c. As the Chairman pointed out that the question raised by him was not relevant to the item in the agenda and as Dr. N. R. Ray, Library Secretary, assured Dr. Das Gupta that whatever suggestions he made would be very carefully gone into and carried out as far as practicable, he did not press the point any more.

The Chairman then announced the result of the Ballot. As reported by the scrutineers all the candidates named below were elected unanimously :

(24) *Rahman Habib*, B.E. (Cal.), M.ARCH., (M.I.T.), Senior Government Architect, West Bengal, 214/2, Lower Circular Road. Calcutta-17.

Proposer : A. C. Ukil. *Seconder* : K. N. Bagchi.

(26) *Hossain, Asrarul*, M.A., B.L., Barrister at Law, 87, Theatre Road, Calcutta.

Proposer : M. Z. Siddiqi. *Seconder* : R. Chatterjee.

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(26) *Ganguli, D. C.*, M. A., Ph. D., Secretary and Curator, Victoria Memorial, formerly Reader in History, Dacca University.

Proposer : M. Z. Siddiqi. *Seconder* : K. N. Bagchi.

(27) *Ghosh, Mrs. Anna*, (1) Formerly Bacteriologist, Pasteur Institute, Paris. (2) Formerly Managing Director, Standard Pharmaceutical Works, Ltd. 2/1, Bright Street, Calcutta 19.

Proposer : A. C. Ukil. *Seconder* : K. N. Bagchi.

(28) *Banerjee Krishna*, M. A., Asst. Director. Textiles, 30B Lake Place, (1s Floor), Calcutta 29.

Proposer : R. Chatterjee. *Seconder* : K. N. Bagchi.

(29) *Rahul, Professor R. N.* Tibetan Research Worker, Mahabodhi Society, Reading Road, New Delhi. C/o. The Swiss Consulate, 8. Clive Buildings, Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta.

Proposer : K. N. Bagchi. *Seconder* : A. C. Ukil.

(30) *Chaube Jamuna Shankar*, M, A., Lecturer in Hindi (Surendra Nath College. Calcutta), 52, Strand Road, Calcutta.

Proposer : B. Mukherji. *Seconder* : K. N. Bagchi.

Monday, the 2nd May, 1949, 5-15 p.m.

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMA PRASAD MOOKERJEE,

PRESIDENT. (in the Chair.)

Members :

Bajoria, B. P.
Banerjea, J. N.
Bhattacharya, K. B.
Biswas, K.
Chatterjee, R.
Guha, D.
Gupta, A. B.
Haldar, M.
Majumdar R. C.
Mookerjee, Rama Prasad,
Roy, N., Lt.
Ukil, A. C.

Visitor

Ray, Sunil Chandra.

The Chairman requested the General Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting held on 4-4-49. The minutes were read and confirmed. Before confirmation, however, Dr. A. C. Ukil pointed out an irregularity in regard to para. 7 of the minutes relating to the annual report. He said that the words "suggested the adoption of the same" be changed to "proposed the adoption of the same and the proposal was carried unanimously". Accordingly, the General Secretary made the necessary alteration in the minute book.

The General Secretary announced receipt of 48 books presented to the Society during March, 1949. They were placed on the table for inspection by the members.

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The Chairman called for a ballot for the election of 14 new candidates for membership of the Society, and appointed Dr. J. N. Banerjea and Mr. Asutosh Bhattacharya as scrutineers.

The Chairman enquired if any one intended to give notice of any motion under Rule 57-d.

No motion was tabled by any member.

The General Secretary read out the communications from the Council under Rule 57-g :—

(a) Monthly routine matters :—

1. Deaths—

Capt. N. N. Dutt.	...	(Ord. Member, 7-4-1947)
J. W. Thomason, III.	...	(„ „ 3-11-1947)
Lt. Col. William Vost	...	(„ „ 27-9-1894)

In memory of the late Capt. Dutt and other deceased members, all the members present stood in silence for one minute. Then the Chairman requested Dr. A. C. Ukil to write an obituary notice of Capt. N. N. Dutt and to read the same at the next monthly meeting.

2. Resignations—

(11)	A. B. C. Rostrom	...	(Or. Member, April, 1945)
(12)	Radhelal Chaturvedi	...	(„ „ March, 1946)
(13)	S. B. Bose	...	(„ „ March, 1945)
(14)	E. B. N. Baker	...	(„ „ April, 1941)
(15)	R. Banyard	...	(„ „ May, 1946)

(b) The General Secretary announced that Dr. R. C. Majumdar had been nominated by the Council to serve on the Selection Committee for selection of a Reader in the Department of Geography of the University of Calcutta.

He further announced the following items for confirmation in accordance with Rule 48-d :—

(1) The Council have sanctioned the conveyance allowance of the General Secretary for the year 1949 at the rate of Rs. 150/- per month as before with effect from 1-1-49.

(2) The services of Sri Rakhahari Chatterjee, M.A., B.L., as Superintendent have been extended upto 30-9-49 with effect from 19-3-49 on the same terms as before.

(3) The Council have appointed on substantive basis the following in the grades and salaries as shown below with effect from 1-4-49.

Mr. J. G. Steele, Steno-typist. ... (Grade Rs. 125-15/2-200
present pay Rs. 170/- .

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Sri S. N. Banerjee, File & Record Asst. (Grade Rs. 60-5-125 present pay Rs. 85/- .)

Sri B. B. Mukherji, Accounts Assistant (Grade Rs. 60-5-125 present pay Rs. 95/- .)

(4) The Council have appointed on substantive basis the following in the grade of Rs. 150-20/2-250 with effect from 1-4-49 :-

Sri R. N. Banerjee, as General Assistant.

Sri Sibdas Chowdhury as Deputy Librarian.

(5) The Council have appointed the following to act on a temporary basis till 30-9-49 in the post, grade and pay as shown against their names :—

Sri N. R. Dutt, Despatch Assistant ... (Grade Rs. 60-5-125 present pay Rs. 60/ .)

Sri D. L. Nandi, Typist. ... (Grade Rs. 60-5-125 present pay Rs. 75/- .)

All the above items were confirmed by the members, but with regard to item No. 6 (4) re. Sri R. N. Banerjee and Sri Sibdas Chowdhury, the Chairman said that this item was to be treated as withdrawn for the present for technical reasons and this withdrawal was approved.

The next item on the agenda was the reading of the following papers :—

(1) B. B. Lal—'*Chalcolithic Phase in South Indian Pre-History*'.

(2) H. E. Richardson—'*Three Inscriptions of Tibet*'.

The Chairman proposed that as none of the authors was present in the meeting and as the summaries of these papers were already printed in the monthly meeting notice they might be taken as read. The members agreed.

Dr. A. C. Ukil read the obituary notice of Lt.-Col. David Mackay and it was decided that the same would be printed in the Year Book for 1949, if possible.

At this stage the President arrived, took the Chair and requested Dr. R. C. Majumdar to exhibit the following and to comment on them :—

(1) The cast of a gold coin of Budhagupta.

(2) The photograph of an image lying under a tree in a suburb of the city of Patna.

(3) The estampages of a long inscription on a stone image lying under a tree in the village of Bargaon, about a mile to the north of the site of ancient Nalanda.

All the members present evinced great interest in the exhibits. Dr. Majumdar thanked Mr. Krishna Das, the President of the Bharat Kala-Bhavan as well as the authorities of the Archæolo-

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gical Dept. for kindly supplying these casts and estampages. The President thanked Dr. Majumdar on behalf of the members for having taken such pains in promoting historical research.

The President then called upon Dr. K. P. Biswas to read the original correspondence of Sir Joseph Bank's relation to the foundation of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Calcutta. Dr. Biswas gave an account of the correspondence between Col. Robert Kyd and the Board of Directors of the East India Company relating to the establishment of the Botanic Gardens in 1786 and also of a review of the 150th Anniversary Volume. He showed the members the orginal letters, 27 in all, which were handed over to the Society through Governor R. G. Casey at the Anniversary ceremony held on 6th August, 1945. He also showed the 150th Anniversary Volume which was edited by him. Dr. Biswas demonstrated his lecture with the help of lantern slides. The President thanked Dr. Biswas on behalf of the members.

The Chairman announced the result of the ballot. As reported by the scrutineers all the candidates named below were elected unanimously :—

(31) *Singhania, P. D.* Shri, Businessman. Kamala Tower, Kanpur.

Proposer : Rakhahari Chatterjee. *Seconder* : P. Chakravarti.

(32) *Vaish, Hanuman Persad*, B.A., (Formerly) Superintendent of Museum and Archaeology, Jaipur. Prince Mansion, 11, Middleton Row, Park Street, Calcutta.

Proposer : Rakhahari Chatterjee. *Seconder* : P. Chakravarti.

(33) *Macdonald, Rupert Mackay*, Asst. Secretary, Bengal Chamber of Commerce, 3, Dover Road, Ballygunge, Calcutta.

Proposer : Rakhahari Chatterjee. *Seconder* : J. L. Bhaduri.

(34) *Fryling, Jan*, Dr. Diplomate (Former Acting Ambassador of Poland in China) Author. Grand Hotel No. 282, Calcutta.

Proposer : K. N. Bagchi. *Seconder* : Rakhahari Chatterjee.

(35) *Mukherjee, Dilip Kumar*, B.A., Writer, Businessman and Landholder, 2, Asu Babu Lane, Kidderpore, Calcutta.

Proposer : Rakhahari Chatterjee. *Seconder* : George M. Levy.

(36) *Balasubramaniam, Mahadev*, M.A., B.L., Mercantile Assistant, Bird & Co., Limited, Calcutta.

Proposer : K. N. Bagchi. *Seconder* : Rakhahari Chatterjee.

(37) *Chakrabarti, Sachindra Nath*, B.A., Registered Homœopathic Practitioner, State Faculty of Homœopathy, West Bengal, Roypara, P.O. Krishnagar (Nadia).

Proposer : Charu Ch. Das Gupta. *Seconder* : Rakhahari Chatterjee.

(38) *Mukerji, Jibandhon*, B.L., Govt. Service (Officer-in-Charge of Telegraph Stores), 8, Esplanade East, Calcutta. 90/A, Vivekananda Road, Calcutta.

Proposer : Rakhahari Chatterjee. *Seconder* : J. N. Banerjee.

(39) *Mukerjee, Bankim Chandra*, M.A., B.L., Advocate High Court, Calcutta.

Proposer : K. N. Bagchi. *Seconder* : Nihar Ranjan Ray.

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(40) *Mukherjee, Rajani*, B.A., (Allahabad), Co-operative Trade, 139-B, Rash Behari Avenue, Ground Floor, Calcutta-29.

Proposer : L. Sukul. *Seconder* : Rupnarain Upadhya,

(41) *Rau, Govinda B.*, B.A. (Econ. & Hist.), Vidwan (Kan. & Sanskrit) B.O.L. (Dravidian Philology & S. Indian History), Senior Kannada Lecturer & History Assistant. Pompei High School, P.O. Kinnigoli, Mangalore Taluk, South Kanara.

Proposer : Rakhahari Chatterjee. *Seconder* : S. K. Saraswati.

(42) *Ramamurti, G.*, B.A., Teacher, High School. P.O. Tekkali, Dist. Vizag.

Proposer : Rakhahari Chatterjee. *Seconder* : S. K. Saraswati.

(43) *Bhanj Deo, Prafulla Chandra, Lalsaheb Kumar*, M.A. (Cantab), Honorary Special Officer, Rural Classes Welfare Dept., Orissa Government, C/o. The Purna Chandra Rice Mill, Baripada, Mayurbhanj.

Proposer : Rakhahari Chatterjee. *Seconder* : S. K. Saraswati.

(44) *Ghosh, Harendra Nath*, Barrister-at-Law, 48, Hindusthan Park, Calcutta.-29

Proposer : A. N. Ray. *Seconder* : Rakhahari Chatterjee.

Monday, the 6th June, 1949, 5-15 p.m.

PRESENT :

DR. S. K. MITRA (in the Chair).

Members ;

Chakravarti, P.
Chatterjee, R.
Chopra, Hira Lal,
Das, S.
Gupta, A. B.
Majumdar, G. P.
Mitter, P.
Mitra, S. K.
Mukerjee, Renu Pada,
Ray, Nihar-ranjan.
Saraswati, S. K.
Sen, Anil K.
Sen, J. M.
Sengupta, P. C.
Trivedi, V. B.
Vedantatirtha, N.

1. The Chairman requested the General Secretary to read out the minutes of the last meeting held on 2nd May, 1949. The General Secretary read the minutes which were confirmed as modified in accordance with item No. 6 (b) below.

2. The General Secretary announced receipt of 39 books presented to and purchased by the Society during the month of April, 1949. He said that they were on the table and members might inspect them if they so liked.

3. The Chairman called for a ballot for the election of 3 new candidates for membership of the Society, and appointed Dr. A. K. Sen and Dr. G. P. Majumdar as scrutineers.

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4. The Chairman enquired if any member wished to give notice of any intended motion under Rule 57-d. There was no such motion.

5. The General Secretary read out the reports and communications from the Council under Rule 57-g, as follows :

(a) Monthly routine matters :—

1. Deaths—Nil.

2. Resignations—

(16)	D. L. Majumdar	(Elected on 4-3-40)
(17)	Madan Lal Khemka	(,, ,, 3-7-44)
(18)	Sir Giles F. Squire	(,, ,, Feb.47)

Dr. G. P. Majumdar queried why these members resigned.

The General Secretary said that some of these members being either at a great distance from Calcutta, or due to any other cause could not devote any time to the cause or purpose of the Society hence they were not willing to continue as members.

3. Lapses of election—Nil.

4. Withdrawal of application—Nil.

(b) Report that Rai Bahadur J. M. Sen will officiate as Treasurer vice Dr. S. C. Law on leave from 12-5-49 to 15-6-49.

6. Matters reported in accordance with Rule 48 (d) :—

(a) The services of the following Staff have been extended on the same terms and conditions as before :—

1. Pandits N. C. Vedantatirtha and P. B. Chakravarti, Cataloguers of MSS. till the end of July, 1949.

(b) The following matters which were reported in the last Monthly Meeting held on 2nd May, 1949, under certain misapprehensions are to be treated as withdrawn :

1. The Council have appointed on substantive basis the following in the grades shown below with effect from 1-4-49 :

Mr. J. G. Steele, Steno-typist ... (Grade Rs. 125-15/2-200)
Sri S. N. Banerjee, File & Records Asst. (Grade Rs. 60-5-125)
Sri B. B. Mukherji, Accounts Asst. (Grade Rs. 60-5-125)

2. The Council have appointed on substantive basis the following in the grade of Rs. 150-20/2-250 with effect from 1-4-49 :

Sri R. N. Banerjee, as General Assistant.

Sri Sibdas Chowdhury, as Deputy Librarian.

3. The Council have appointed the following to act on a

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temporary basis till 30-9-49 in the posts and grades shown against their names :

Sri N. R. Dutt, Despatch Assistant (Grade Rs. 60-5-125)
Sri D. L. Naudi, Typist. ... (Grade Rs. 60-5-125)

Dr. A. K. Sen enquired if the Council was empowered to withdraw matters which were on the agenda of the last Monthly Meeting and decisions regarding which had been made at that meeting.

A discussion followed in which Dr. A. K. Sen and Rai Bahadur J. M. Sen participated. Dr. Sen then moved the following resolution :

"In view of the statements made by the General Secretary this House withdraws the assent which they gave to the item referred to above and refers the matter back again to the Council."

The resolution was seconded by Rai Bahadur J. M. Sen and passed unanimously.

7. The Chairman then called upon Mr. A. C. Roy to read his paper on "*Lecithin and Venom Hæmolysis*". Mr. Roy who was present at the meeting gave a very interesting summary of his paper.

8. Then on being asked by the Chairman Sri S. K. Saraswati, Librarian, R. A. S. B., exhibited a MS. in the Library of the Society and made comments thereon as noted below :

A. *Kuladikamnaya or Kubjikamata* (No. G. 8329).

A study of the development of the Bengali alphabet on the basis of manuscript material is desirable and when such a study is co-ordinated with what had previously been done on the basis of epigraphic material a complete picture can be had of the growth and development of the Bengali alphabet from the earliest times to the establishment of printing presses in India.

The Library of the Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal possesses several manuscripts which are relevant to this purpose. They range in date from the seventh century A.D. When these are studied and letters charted a picture can be had of the gradual evolution and development of the Bengali alphabet through its various phases. It is proposed to exhibit such manuscripts gradually together with explanations of the forms and characteristics of the letters in various periods.

One such manuscript, the earliest in the Library, is being exhibited here and explanation, together with charts, will be given of the forms and characteristics of the letters used in it. It is a manuscript of *Kulālikāmnā'ya* or *Kubjikamata*, a Tantric text on the worship of the goddess Kubjikā. The copy is fragmentary and though no date is preserved a palaeographical examination of the letters ascribes it to about the seventh century A.D. The alphabet used in the manuscript has a close resemblance with that in the Tipperah grant of Lokanātha of the year 44 which, if referred to the Harsha era as has been done, is dated about the middle of the seventh century A.D. This copy thus furnishes us with the earliest manuscript material for the study of the evolution of the Bengali alphabet.

Arising out of the discussion which followed Dr. Niharranjan Ray suggested the publication of an authoritative treatise on

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the evolution of the Bengali script under the auspices of the Society, as there were enough original materials in possession of the Society which might be utilised in that connection.

The Chairman said that the suggestion was a good one. If the members agreed then this Monthly General Meeting might recommend to the Council to take necessary steps about it. The house accepted the suggestion unanimously. The Chaiman then thanked Mr. Saraswati for his able exposition of the value of the manuscript as a landmark in the history of evolution of the Bengali script.

9. On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman announced the result of the ballot and said that all the candidates named below were duly elected as members ;

(45) *Chatterjee, Hemendra Nath*, M.B., M.D., F.R.S.T.M. & H. (Eng.) Visiting Physician. National Medical Institute. 9, Romes Mitter Road, Bhowanipur, Calcutta.

Proposer : Rakhahari Chatterjee. *Seconder* : S. K. Saraswati.

(46) *Basu, Shibani*, M.A., Research Student. 108/5A, Monoharpukur Road, Kalighat, Calcutta.

Proposer : Sukumar Sen. *Seconder* : S. K. Saraswati.

(47) *Chattopadhyaya, Nagendranath*, Vedantatirtha, M.A., B.T., Assistant Master, Hare School, Calcutta. 4/D, Mohanlal Street, Shyambazar, Calcutta-4.

Proposer : S. K. Saraswati. *Seconder* : R. Chatterjee.

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Monday, the 4th July, 1949 at 5-15 p.m.

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R. P. MOOKERJEE,
President in the Chair.

Members :

Basu, Snehendu,
Bhattacharyya, A. B.
Bhattacharyya, A. N.
Bhattacharyya, D. C.
Chatterjee, P. C.
Chatterjee, R.
Chaudhuri, S. R.
Chopra, Hira Lal,
Das Gupta, C. C.
Ganguli, K.
Hora, S. L.
Mitter, P. C.
Mitra, S. K.
Ray, Niharranjan,
Roy, S. K.
Saraswati, S. K.
Sarbadhikari, P. C.
Sen, J. M.
Sharma, Y. D.
Siddiqi, M. Z.
Singh, H.
Ukil, A. C.
Vaish, H. P.
Vedantatirtha, N.

The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to read minutes of the last meeting held on 6th June, 1949. The offg. General Secretary (Dr. Niharranjan Ray) read the minutes which were confirmed and signed.

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2. The General Secretary announced receipt of 69 books presented to and purchased by the Society during May, 1949. They were exhibited on the table and members were requested to inspect them.

3. The Chairman called for a ballot for the election of 11 candidates for Membership of the Society and asked the General Secretary to read the names as printed in the Monthly Meeting notice. The Chairman appointed Rai Bahadur J. M. Sen and Mr. S. K. Saraswati as scrutineers for the purpose. Ballot papers were then distributed to the members.

4. The Chairman enquired if any member wished to give notice of any intended motion under Rule 57-d.

Nobody tabled any motion.

5. The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to make the following reports and communications from the Council to be submitted for the consideration of the Monthly Meeting under Rule 57-g. The offg. General Secretary reported as follows :—

(a) Monthly routine matters :—

1. Deaths—Nil.

2. Resignations—

19.	L. J. Goddard	...	(O.M. 3-6-46)
20.	S. R. Das Gupta	...	(O.M. 5-3-45)
21.	C. C. Blagden	...	(O.M. 2-4-45)
22.	Birendra Mullick	...	(O.M. 3-7-44)
23.	R. S. Swam	...	(O.M. 7-6-48)
24.	U. P. Chakrabarty	...	(O.M. 6-1-47)
25.	Matadin Khaitan	...	(O.M- 3-6-46)

3. Lapses of Election—

Sudhish Ranjan Biswas	(Elected on 6-12-48)
Kumar Bahadur Ranen Roy of Bhaghyakul	(,, ,, 3-1-49)
Shiv Kumar Kapur	(,, ,, 3-1-49)
Dennis Alexander Sharman	(,, ,, 7-3-49)

4. Withdrawal of application—Nil.

(b) That Dr. Niharranjan Ray has been officiating as General Secretary vice Dr. K. N. Bagchi on leave from 7-6-49.

(c) That the Rockefeller Foundation, New York, has sanctioned a grant-in-aid of $2,500 to this Society as financial assistance for the preparation and publication of a treatise on dancing by Srijukta Ragini Devi.

(d) That Dr. S. K. Mitra represented the Society at the meeting of the Mining, Geological and Metallurgical Institute held at Calcutta on 20-6-49.

(e) That Sir J. C. Ghosh will represent the Society at the

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United National Scientific Conference at Lake success from 17th August to 6th September, 1949.

A question was raised as to multiple representation on this conference and the Chairman said that if there was any provision for multiple representation, further steps will be taken.

(f) That a supplementary budget allotment of Rs. 4,725/- out of the unspent balance of last year has been made for the purchase of books for the Library.

6. The Chairman requested Dr. A. C. Ukil to read the obituary notice of the late Capt. N. N. Dutt.

Dr. Ukil read the notice prepared by him.

7. The Chairman then went on to the next item on the agenda, Item No. 7, and said that the first paper was by Dr. R. C. Majumdar on 'Identification of some old sites in Rājagriha". As Dr. Majumdar had not come back to Calcutta, his paper, of which a summary was given in the printed notice, was taken as read.

The next paper was by Dr. D. C. Sircar on "Two Tortoise-shell Inscriptions in the Dacca Museum". Since Dr. Sircar was not present his paper was also taken as read.

The third paper on "Date of Parasuramesvara Temple at Bhuvaneswara" was by Mr. K. C. Panigrahi. In the absence of the author Sri S. K. Saraswati was requested by the Chairman to present a more detailed summary of his paper. This done, Dr. J. N. Banerjea and Mr. Nirmal Kumar Bose made several valuable suggestions bearing on the dates of the early Bhuvaneswar Temples from the structural and other peculiarities noticeable besides the epigraphic data furnished by Mr. Panigrahi. The Chairman also joined in the discussion and said that as the author was not present it would be more useful if further details on the subject-matter discussed on the paper could be included in supplementary papers as in course of the discussion new light had been thrown on this subject by Mr. Bose.

The Chairman therefore requested Mr. Bose to prepare a note which could be placed before the Publication Committee for publication along with Mr. Panigrahi's paper.

Mr. P. C. Mitra then asked one or two questions in elucidation of Mr. Bose's remarks to which Mr. Bose gave short replies. The President then said that a request had been made by the Society to Mr. Bose to speak on the structural problems of North Indian temples and that Mr. Bose had kindly agreed.

The fourth and last paper on the agenda was by Mr. D. C. Bhattacharya on "The Desavalivivrti and the Digvijayaprakāsa". Mr. Bhattacharya who was present in the meeting read his paper. Pt. Pulin Behari Chakravarti was allowed to add a short comment and said that there was no doubt about the fact that the author of this Desavalivivrti lived during the beginning of the 19th century and that both the books were 19th century forgeries.

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The Chairman then said that this was not, the first occasion that scholars were told that Sanskrit books which had been accepted as old and genuine were really not so. To quote an instance, it might be pointed out regarding Dattakachandrika, one of the two principal authorities, was accepted as binding throughout India by the highest judicial authority. Pt. Bharatchandra Shiromani produced proofs in support of his contention that Dattakachandrika was written in the 18th century by Raghumani Vidyabhushana, the Rajguru of Nadia though it purported to have been written much earlier by Kuvera. The question of authorship and antiquity ultimately went up to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council who gave their verdict that since for over 80 years the whole of India had accepted the authority of that book, it was too late to consider whether it was genuine or not.

8. The Chairman requested Sri S. K. Saraswati to show the exhibits announced and make comments. Mr. Saraswati referred to the MSS. he exhibited last month and said that this was in continuation of that group of Mss. In the present group he showed the following three Mss.

(1) Kālachakravatāra of Abhayakāra Gupta (No. G. 4732) copied in 1047 Saka era, corresponding to 1125 A. D,

(2) Laghukālachakratikā (No. G. 10766), copied in the 39th year of the reign of Maharajdhiraja Harivarmadeva.

(3) Kuttanimatam of Damodāragupta (No. G. 4731), copied in 292 Newar era, corresponding to 1172 A. D.

And commented upon them as follows :—

In continuation of the last month's exhibit of a manuscript of the 7th century A. D. further manuscript materials, relevant to the study of the Bengali Script, are being shown. These are separated from the one, previously shown, by several centuries as they belong to the 12th century A. D. The first is a text of the *Kalachakravatara* by Abhayakara Gupta, who was a contemporary of Rāmapāladeva (C. 1077-1120 A.D.) and the manuscript copied in 1125 A.D. may be regarded to be roughly contemporaneous with the author. The second, a copy of *Laghukālachakratikā* was finished in the 39th year of the reign of Maharajadhiraja Harivarmadeva of the Varman dynasty of East Bengal who flourished about the close of the 11th century A.D. and the beginning of the 12th. The third, a manuscript of *Kuttanimatam* of Damodaragupta was copied, in the year 292 of an unspecified era, which, if referred to the Newar era of 879-80 A.D. as has been done, the date is 1172 A.D. The script in each case is Bengali and the charts, which will be shown, will indicate the development in the forms of the different letters and their relation to those used in contemporary inscriptions from Bengal.

After Mr. Saraswati had finished his comments on these Mss. Dr. C. C. Das Gupta compared the scientific methods of preparing a Script-chart and referred to the comparative value of the charts of Buhler and Kapsoh. He preferred the system used by the latter.

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'I would suggest one thing,' he said, 'that when Sri Saraswati would prepare these charts of the Bengali Scripts from the earliest times, he should first take up the vowels and then deal with the consonants and also show the medial vowels. After dealing with consonants he should then take up the compound letters. The numerals, too, were very important as they also showed the form of development.'

The President said that what Mr. Saraswati was doing was very useful work. So long we had been using the Mss. only for either printing them or for using them for particular purposes of literary or historical research, but this particular use of the manuscripts relating to the development of the Bengali script had not been attempted by anybody before and, as was suggested in the last monthly meeting, we had discussed in the Council that we were going to take up the publication of a book giving the complete form of all the sources of information which would be relevant for a work of this nature. We were not here for the purpose of hearing the peculiarities of these letter movements, so to say, but only to show how a particular date was being determined with the help of the scripts suggesting a new line of study so far as these Mss. were concerned, and Dr. Das Gupta's suggestions would certainly be borne in mind when the work was given its final shape.

9. On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman announced the result of the ballot and said that all the candidates named below were duly elected as members :

(49) *De, Narendra Kumar*, B.Sc., M.I.E.T., A.M.I.S.E., Service, Mechanical Engineer's Office, S.C.O.B. Ltd., Burnpur, Burdwan.

Proposer : R. Chatterjee. *Seconder :* P. B. Chakravarti.

(50) *Bhattacharjee, Tarapada.* Kavya-Sankhya, Smriti Purantirtha, Puran Ratna, Head Pandit, Mugkalyan H. E. School, P.O. Mugkalyan, Dist. Howrah.

Proposer : S. K. Chatterji. *Seconder :* P. B. Chakravarti.

(51) *Chakravarti, Chand Mohan*, M.A., B.L., Advocate, P8/1, Central Avenue, Calcutta-6.

Proposer : K. N. Bagchi. *Seconder :* R. Chatterjee.

(52) *Sitholey*, B.S. Retired Civilian Officer (Gazetted) of Army Head Quarters, Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India, New Delhi. Lal Bagh, Lucknow.

Proposer : R. Chatterjee. *Seconder :* S. K. Saraswati.

(53) *Saraswat, Pt. Har Datta*, M.A., LL.B., Sahitya Ratna, Kavyatirtha, Shastri, Patta Officer, C/o. Surendra Dave, 6 Jaloribad, Jodhpur.

Proposer : R. Chatterjee. *Seconder :* S. K. Saraswati.

(54) *Banerjee, Sudhansu Mohan*, M.A., B.L., Indian Audit and Accounts Service. 11, Ballygunge Park, Calcutta.

Proposer : R. Chatterjee. *Seconder :* Charu Ch. Dasgupta.

(55) *Ghulam Sarwar Figir*, B.A., Editor, Rozana Hind Newspaper, 17, Sagar Dutta Lane, Calcutta.

Proposer : S. K. Saraswati. *Seconder :* A. B. M. Habibullah.

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(56) *Sen, Nirmal Kumar*, M.A., B.L., Deputy Legal Remembrance to the Govt. of West Bengal, 98/8, Russa Road, Calcutta-26.

Proposer : N. Roy. *Seconder* : R. Chatterjee.

(57) *Bagchi, Dhurjati Prasad*, M.A., LL.B., United Provinces Civil Service, 38D, Major Banks Road, Lucknow.

Proposer : R. Chatterjee. *Seconder* : S. K. Saraswati.

(58) *Chatterjee, Jyotsna Nath*, M.A., Zamindar, 21/A, Duff Street, Calcutta.

Proposer : N. Roy. *Seconder* : R. Chatterjee.

(59) *Bhattacharya, Shibadas*, Artist (Fine Arts). 7, Rajendra Deb Road Calcutta-7.

Proposer : J. B. Chaudhri. *Seconder* : R. Chatterjee.

In conclusion the Chairman thanked Dr. J. N. Banerjea, Professor Nirmal Kumar Bose: Mr. Dinesh Chandra Bhattacharya, Dr. C. C. Das Gupta and Mr. S. K. Saraswati for making the Monthly Meeting a great success and highly useful from the cultural point of view and appealed to all the members present to contribute their best in that manner so that the Society might once again repeat its glorious past history of great achievements and progress in the fields of research and scholarly publications.

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Monday, the 1st. August, 1949, 5-15 p.m.

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMA PRASAD MOOKERJEE,

PRESIDENT, (in the Chair.)

Members :

Biswas, K.
Chakravarti, P.
Chatterjee, P. C.
Chatterjee, R.
Das, T. C.
Deo, P. C. B.
Gupta, A. B.
Majumdar, R. C.
Mitter, P. C.
Mitra, S. K.
Roy, Nihar-ranjan.
Sarbadhikari, P. C.
Sen, Anil K.
Ukil, A. C.
Vedantatirtha, N.

Visitor

Ray, Sunil Chandra.

1. The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting held on 4th July, 1949. Dr. A. K. Sen raised a point of order questioning officiating arrangements re. General Secretary. It was ruled out of order by the President. The minutes were then read and confirmed.

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2. The Chairman announced receipt of 79 volumes presented to and purchased by the Society during June. 1949. He pointed out that they were exhibited on the table and members were requested to inspect them.

3. The Chairman called for a ballot for the election of 5 candidates for membership of the Society and asked the General Secretary to read out the names as printed in the Monthly Meeting notice. Prof. P. C. Sarbadikari and Mr. S. K. Saraswati were appointed scrutineers for the purpose and ballot papers were distributed to the members.

4. The Chairman enquired if any member wished to give notice of any intended motion under Rule 57-d.

There was no such motion.

5. The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to make the following reports and communications from the last Council meeting under Rule 57-g.

The offg. General Secretary reported as follows :—

(1) Monthly routine matters—

(a) Deaths—Nil.

(b) Resignations—3.

(26) Subodh Basu (Ord. Member July, 1248)

(27) R. Sachdena, Manager M/s. Steel Industries of India Ltd. („ „ April, 1945)

(28) Prof. Richard L. Park („ „ July, 1948)

(c) Withdrawal of applications—Nil.

(2) That the Council have recommended the following for representing the Society as delegates to the Indian History Congress to be held at Cuttack in December, 1949 :

The Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee.
Dr. R. C. Majumdar.
Dr. N. Dutt.
Dr. A. B. M. Habibullah.
Dr. U. N. Ghosal.
Dr. J. N. Banerjea.
Mr. S. K. Saraswati.

(3) That the Council have further recommended the following for representing the Society as delegates to the India Historical Records Commission to be held at Cuttack in December, 1949.

The Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee
Dr. A. B. M. Habibullah.
Dr. R. C. Majumdar.
Dr. P. C. Gupta.
Mr. Mahibul Hasan Khan.

(4) That Rai Bahadur J. M. Sen officiated as Treasurer vice Dr. S. C. Law on leave from 16-6-49 to 4-7-49.

6. The Chairman reported the following in accordance with Rule 48 (d) that :

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(1) The Council have confirmed the appointment of Sri Rakhahari Chatterjee, M.A., B.L., as the Superintendent on substantive basis in the grade of Rs. 250-20/2-350/- on an initial pay of Rs. 310/- p.m. with effect from 1-7-49.

(2) The Council have confirmed the following appointments on substantive basis in the grade of Rs. 150-10-250 with effect from 1-7-49 on an initial pay of Rs. 150/- p.m.

Sri R. N. Banerjee, B.L., (General Office).

Sri Shibdas Chaudhuri, B.A. (Library).

(3) The Council have confirmed the appointments of the following on substantive basis, on their present pay in the grades shown below with effect from 1-1-49.

Mr. J. G. Steele (General Office) ...(Grade Rs. 125-15/2-200).

Sri S. N. Banerjee (General Office) ... (Grade Rs. 60-5-125).

Dr. A. K. Sen suggested that persons whose cases would be dealt with under this item should retire. He also proposed that that the item be considered *in camera*.

This item was discussed *in camera*.

Dr. Sen asked questions about the genesis of the appointments and as to whether the question of the above posts had been considered by the Finance Committee. The President stated that the whole matter of the Staff had been referred to the Finance Committee and also latter on to the Special Committee appointed for the purpose. All the papers having been considered by the Council the present decision was taken.

Thereafter each of the following items regarding confirmation of the Staff as noted below with effect from the dates shown above, was put to the vote one by one and carried unanimously :

(1) *Sri Rakhahari Chhatterjee*,—(Superintendent.)

Proposed by: Dr. N. R. Ray. *Seconded by* : Dr. K. P. Biswas.

(2) (i) *Sri R. N. Banerjee*,—(General Office.)

Proposed by : Dr. N. R. Ray. *Seconded by* : Dr. K. P. Biswas.

(ii) *Sri Shibdas Chaudhuri*,—(Library.)

Proposed by ; Dr N. R. Ray. *Seconded by* : Dr. R. C. Majumdar.

(3) (i) *Mr. J. G. Steele*,—(General Office)

Proposed by : Dr. N. R. Ray. *Seconded by* : Dr. R. C. Majumdar.

(ii) *Sri S. N. Banerjee*,—(General Office)

Proposed by : Dr. N. R. Ray. *Seconded by* : Dr. A. C. Ukil.

(4) The General Secretary then announced that the following supplementary budget allotments have been made and the items (a) to (c) below were also put to the vote and carried unanimously :

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(a) An extra amount of Rs. 330/- from the budget head "Salary" to meet the increment sanctioned by the Council in the basic salary of lower grade employees with effect from 1-7-49.

Proposed by : Dr. N. R. Ray. *Seconded by* : Mr. P. C. Chatterjee.

(b) A sum not exceeding Rs. 600/- for making temporary arrangements to complete the work of stock-taking of the Library.

The Chairman explained to the members the position of the stock-taking remaining to be done in the Library and recommended the above amount for completion of the stock-taking.

Proposed by : Dr. N. R. Ray. *Seconded by* : Dr. A. C. Ukil.

(c) A sum of Rs. 500/- only for temporary appointments and leave vacancies in the Staff.

Proposed by : Dr. N. R. Ray. *Seconded by* : Kumar P. C. Bhanj Deo.

5. The services of Pandit N. C. Vedantatirtha and Pandit Pulin Behari Chakravarti have been extended till 31-10-49 as Cataloguers of Sanskrit Mss.

Dr. A. K. Sen enquired incidentally whether any catalogue of Mss. on Medicine has been prepared. He was informed by Pandit P. B. Chakravarti and Mr. S. K. Saraswati that such a catalogue of the Govt. Collection of Mss. on Ayurveda had been ready in Mss. form and was now being edited by Mr. D. C. Bhattacharya.

Dr. R. C. Majumdar said that from what he could remember a Descriptive Catalogue of Mss. on Ayurveda had been prepared by M. M. Haraprasad Sastri. After his death attempts had been made to publish it and that work was being attended to now by Mr. D. C. Bhattacharya.

The Chairman assured the members that special steps were being taken for the preparation and publication of the Sanskrit and other catalogues bearing on all topics including Medicine. So long the preparation of these catalogues was held up has there was nobody to see to the work which had been entrusted by the old Councils. Then also when they were about to be published it was found that they were not fit for publication after money had been spent on composition by the press. It was for this purpose that the Council decided last month to place the Librarian in charge of the Mss. as well as the preparation of these Catalogues. The Council also was going to prepare with the help of the Publication Committee certain standard rules in this connection. In future, therefore, we may expect better progress in this work.

7. In the absence of the author the following paper was taken as read :

Dr. H. J. J. Winter & W. Arafat—. *'A Discourse on the Concave Spherical Mirror by Ibn al Haithem.*

8. The following exhibits were shown and commented upon by Sri S. K. Saraswati.

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Manuscript material in the Library of the Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal for a study of the development of the Bengali script.

(1) Ashtau Sabdah (No. G. 4850), copied in Lakshana Samvat 155 corresponding to 1274 A. D.

(2) Bhattikāvya-tikā by Srinivasa (No. G. 4795), copied in Lakshmana Samvat 159 corresponding to 1278 A. D.

In continuation of the last month's exhibits covering the period up to the 12th century A. D. two more manuscripts belonging to the 13th century A. D. are being shown. The first is a grammatical work dealing with the declension, meanings, etc. of eight works, such as *Kim*, *Yad*, *tad*, *etad*, *idam*, *adas*, *yushmad* and *ashmad*. It was copied in the year 155 of the Lakshmana Samvat which begins in 1119 A. D. The manuscript hence belongs to 1274 A. D. The second is the text of a commentary on Bhattikavya by Srinivasa copied in the year 159 of Lakshmana Samvat, i. e: 1278 A. D. The era referred to in these manuscripts is not known to have been in use in Bengal, though it was widely current in Mithila. As the charts will show, the script is Bengali which in ancient times was in use over a much wider area than the modern province of Bengal. The script, known as the Maithili, was simply a derivative of the Bengali script, the particular characteristics which separate it from Bengali having made their appearance much later.

There are two other manuscripts in the Society's Library which are described in the Catalogues as being copied respectively in 102 and 159 of the Lakshmana Samvat. The letter forms, however, are of much later date than those of the 13th century A. D. and a close examination of their colophons reveals the dates respectively as Lakshmana Samvat 302 and Sakabda 1509 and they will be discussed in their proper places.

9. After that the Chairman announced the result of the ballot for the election of Ordinary Members and declared that the following candidates had all been duly elected :

(60) *Majumdar, Satis Chandra*, Rai Bahadur, Retired District Magistrate, 1, Robinson Street, Calcutta.

Proposer : Atul Bose. *Seconder* : K. N. Bagchi.

(61) *Musavi, M. H.*, M.A., Reader and Head of the Dept. of Persian, University of Delhi, Senior Lecturer, Delhi College, Delhi.

Proposer : S. R. Das. *Seconder* : N. Ray

(62) *Chakravorty, Ramendranath*, Principal, Govt. School of Art, Calcutta.

Proposer : N. Ray. *Seconder* : S. K. Saraswati.

(63) *Chaudhuri, R.*, Govt. Service (Civil Supply Inspector. C. S. Dept. Govt. of West Bengal) C/o. G. C. Roy, Esq., Lokepore, Bankura. B. N. Rly.

Proposer : R. Chatterjee. *Seconder* : Pulinbehari Chakravarti.

(64) *Banerjee, Govind Ramanand*, Businessman and Accountant, Stewartville, West Coast Demerara, British Guiana.

Proposer : R. Chatterjee. *Seconder* : Pulinbehari Chakravarti.

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Monday, the 5th September, 1949 at 5-15 p.m.

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R. P. MOOKERJEE,
President in the Chair.

Members :

Banerjea, J. N.
Gupta, A. B.
Majumdar, A. K.
Majumdar, R. C.
Mitra, Priti.
Mitra, S. K.
Mookerjee, Rama Prasad.
Mukerji, D. K.
Sen, J. M.
Sen, Nirmal Kumar.
Siddiqi, M. Z.
Vedantatirtha, N.

Visitors :

Ray, Sunil Chandra. Shastri, D. P.

1. The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting held on the 1st. August, 1949. The General Secretary then read out the minutes which were confirmed.

2. The General Secretary announced receipt of the books presented to and purchased by the Society during July, as shown in the Appendix of the printed notice.

3. The Chairman called for a ballot for the election of 8 candidates for membership of the Society and asked the General Secretary to read out the names as printed in the monthly meeting notice. He then apointed Messrs. A. K. Majumdar and N. K. Sen scrutineers for the purpose and the ballot-papers were distributed to the members.

4. The Chairman enquired if any member wished to give notice of any motion under Rule 57d.

There was no such motion.

5. The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to make the reports and communications from the Council under Rule 57(g).

The General Secretary reported as follows :—

(1) Monthly routine matters :

(a) Resignations :

1. Charles O. Thompson, American Consulate General (O.M. Novr. 1947)
2. Patric Francis Sutherland Warren, B.A., A.M.I.C.E, A.M.I.E., Managing Director and Chairman, Jessop & Co. (O.M. Apr., 1945)
3. H.M.B. Lethbridge, Esq., I.C.S., President Calcutta Tribunal. (O.M. March, 1945)

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4. G.W.W. Liddle, Asst. Tea Controller J. Thomas & Co. (O.M. March, 1945)
5. G. Bose, M.B., D.Sc., F.N.I., Professor of Psychology and Head of the Dept. of Psychology, Calcutta University. (O.M. August. 1939)
6. B.S. Saxena, M.A., M.O.L., Seinor Professor of Persian and Urdu. (O.M. August. 1946)
7. K. Latifi, M.A., Mercantile Assistant, Andrew Yule & Co., Ltd. (O.M. March 1946)

(2) That Dr. D. C. Ganguly. M.A., Ph.D. will represent the Society as delegate to the Indian History Congress.

(3) That the Regulation for the Research Fellows of the Society have been framed and adopted. (Vide Appendix "A")

(4) That the following will represent the Society as delegates to the Indian Science Congress Session at Poona :

Dr. M. N. Saha, Dr. S. K. Mitra, Dr. A. C. Ukil, Dr. K. P. Biswas, Dr. J. L. Bhaduri, Dr. K. N. Bagchi, and Prof. J. M. Sen.

(5) That the Government of India, Ministry of Education, sanctioned two non- recurring grants of Rs. 7,300/- respectively for the Library and Publications of the Society.

(6) That Dr. J. L. Bhaduri will officiate as Hony. Treasurer from 20-9-49 to 15-11-49 vice Dr. S. C. Law on leave.

(7) That Rs. 3,000/- has been allotted as additional grant for Library improvement out of the closing balance of the last year.

The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to report matters in accordance with Rule 48 (d).

The General Secretary reported as follows :—

(1) That the Council have confirmed the appointment of Sri S. K. Saraswati as Librarian on substantive basis with effect from 1st, October, 1949 on his present pay in the grade Rs. 300-25-600/-

Proposed by : Dr. R. C. Majumdar. *Seconded by* : Prof. J. M. Sen.

Passed unanimously.

The Chairman requested Mr. S. K. Saraswati to show the exhibits and make comments on the same as per Monthly Meeting notice.

Mr. Saraswati then made comments on the artistic and iconographic qualicies of the following sculptures from Bengal :

1.	A Stucco head	...	c. 5th century A.D.
2.	Vishnu (Copper)	...	c. 11th century A.D.
3.	Vishnu : Ananta (Bronze)	...	c. 11th century A.D.
4.	Vishnu : Seated (Brass)	...	c. 11th century A.D.
5.	Mahishamardini (Brass)	...	c. 10th-11th century A.D.
6.	Umā-Maheśvara (Brass)	..	c. 11th century A.D.
7.	Śrīdevī (Bronze)	...	c. 11th century A.D.
8.	Goddess : seated (Bronze)	...	c. 11th century A.D.
9.	Seated God and Goddess (Bronze)		c. 11th century A.D.
10.	Vaishnavi (Bronze)	...	c. 11th century A.D.

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"The sculptures exhibited this evening", Mr. Saraswati said, "represent some new and unnoticed specimens collected from different parts of Bengal and now preserved in private collection. They all belong to the pre-Muslim period; some are recognised to be fine examples of the Pala school of art, while a few show rare iconographic peculiarities, not usually met with.

"The first exhibit in the list represents a much corroded head originally belonging to a superb piece of sculpture. In spite of its worn-out appearance the delicacy and gracefulness of modelling are still evident in the treatment of the face with soft and subtle shadows playing all over it. Any one familiar with the important phases of Indian art will at once identify it as Gupta in date and specimens of Gupta sculpture are rather rare in Bengal. The soft sensuousness imparted to the rounded face with its thick lower lip and full cheeks is in keeping with the Eastern version of the Gupta plastic idiom. Stucco as a plastic material was in use in different parts of India and notable examples of stucco sculptures of Gupta and post Gupta periods have been found in Eastern India, e.g. at Maniyar Matha at Rājagriha and at Nālandā. But the use of stucco as a medium of sculptural representation has been unknown in Bengal before the discovery of this superb piece. Technically as well as artistically this fragmentary sculpture thus appears to indicate an important landmark in the history of Bengal sculpture.

"The next three exhibits represent each the great god Vishnu, two of them showing rare iconographic features. In the first the god stands erect and has four hands. The lower right hand, in *varada*, has a lotus, the upper right a mace the upper left the discus and the lower left, which had the conchshell, broken away. The figure is characterised by a flawless modelling and the skill with which the artist has finished this sculpture is admirable. Students of iconographic ware of the twenty-four forms of Vishnu distinguished according to the different arrangements of the four characteristic emblems of the god in the four hands. The majority of the texts, Puranic as well as Tantric, designate the form showing the above arrangement as Tri-vikrama and this form is fairly popular in Bengal.

"The second image of Vishnu shows the god standing under a seven-hooded snake canopy with two hands, right holding a lotus bud and left a conchshell. The figure is much damaged, the pedestal with the feet of the god being gone and the surface also, to some extent, corroded. Iconographically, however, the figure is very interesting, as two-handed forms of Vishnu, though met with in the texts, are extremely rare so far as extant images go. According to iconographic literature they are prescribed only for household worship. Additional interest attaches to this figure on account of the snake canopy and the image may be identified as that of Ananta-Narayana, several inscriptions testifying to the prevalence of the worship of such a deity in the Pala period.

"The third image of Vishnu shows the god seated cross-legged on a lotus, flanked on either side by attendant divinities, each seated in a slight flexion on a separate lotus. The four

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hands bear the usual emblems of the god. Though corroded to a certain extent the delicacy and charm of modelling are immanent all through. Seated images of Vishnu are very rare. In Bengal we have instance of only one other such image in a fragmentary sculpture discovered by the present speaker at Itahar in the Dinajpur district. The Dinajpur example is unique in Bengal in as much as it represents a very rare aspect of the god, namely that of Yogasana Vishnu, i. e, the god Vishnu seated in *yoga* posture. The present image, however, cannot claim such uniqueness and represents but merely the Trivikrama variety of the god, though in a seated pose. The pose however is interesting as it introduces a refreshing feature among the thousands of conventional images of Trivikrama that have been found in different parts of Bengal and Eastern India.

"With the one just described should be mentioned a miniature image (No. 10) of Vaishnavi, a charming piece belonging to my teacher Dr. J. N. Banerjea. She sits in a cross-legged pose on a lotus and the pose & arrangement of the attributes in her four hands make her an exact female counterpart of the god as represented in the last sculpture. What is interesting is the foliage of banyan tree shown over the head of the goddess, a feature which cannot be accounted for at the present moment. Individual images of the energies of the gods personified in female form are rather rare. The only other image of the goddess Vaishnavi, of which the present speaker is aware, is a standing figure of the goddess fixed to a wall in the precincts of the adadhara temple at Gaya. That particular sculpture is also interesting on account of the fact that the goddess is shown as blowing a conch held in her two proper hands—a rather unusual representation of the goddess of which textual corroboration is lacking.

"The fifth and the sixth images in the list, respectively of Mahishāsuramardini and Umā-Mahesvara, call for little comment, as each belongs to the usual type commonly met with. In the former the attitude and composition are forceful and the modelling, though somewhat obliterated by corrosion, elegant and graceful. The composition is similar to that of the goddess, now worshipped in Bengal, but the figures representing the family of the great goddess, included in the composition of an image of today, are absent. In the Umā-Mahesvara piece, an elegant specimen of art, the addition of the figures of Ganesa and Kartikeya on either side of the divine pair, is also an interesting feature not usually met with in such images from Bengal.

"The next three images, which are allied to one another stylistically as well as by their place of origin, are extremely interesting from the standpoint of iconography. In the first we find a goddess seated cross-legged on a lotus. Of her two hands the right is in *varada* with a peculiar object shown on the palm and the left holds a long stalk of corn. She wears the usual ornaments and the hair is tucked up in a knot over the head with a jewelled tiara in front. At the back is shown a *prabhāvali* surmounted by an umbrella at the top. In front of the pedestal

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there is an inscription which reads *Sidevih*. Evidently the correct reading should be *Sridevi*, another name for the goddess Laksmi of the Brahmanical pantheon. The attributes also may associate her with the goddess of wealth. It is also interesting to note that the goddess, as she appears in the present image, exactly conforms to the description of Vasudhara as given in the *Sādhanāmālā*. It is tempting hence to identify the figure as that of ihe goddess Vasudhārā, who is none other than the Buddhist counterpart of the Brahmanical goddess Laksmi, i. e. Sri. A Buddhist association is further suggested by the parasol at the top of the *prabhāvali*, usual in Buddhist images, and by the rounded seal purporting to bear some inscription attached to the back. This may stand for the creed formula which is usually inscribed on Buddhist images. One other feature is interesting in the iconography of the present image. On the pedestal stands an animal which may represent a *godhā* or iguana the distinctive emblem of Gauri, a generic name for the Devi in her maiden state. Among the various forms of Gauri there is one of the name of Sri who is enjoined to be worshipped for attainment of prosperity. It is possible that the figure of the *godhā* on the pedestal of the present image is due to a confusion between Sri, the goddess of wealth in her Buddhist context as Vasudhārā, and Sri, a form of the goddess Gauri. There is thus in the present image an interesting evidence of a curious interchange of ideas and concepts underlying the deities of different religious denominations.

"In the second image of this group we find a six-handed goddess seated crosslegged on a lotus. The main pair of hands are placed on the crossed soles of the feet in *dhyāna mudra*. The lower right hand is in *varada* with a peculiar object, similar to above, on the palm and the top right shows a rosary. The lower left hand has a vase and the top left a manuscript. The identification of the goddess is rather difficult at present. The manuscript in one of the hands indicates an association of the goddess with learning and wisdom. In the Tantras Sarasvati, the goddess of wisdom in the Brahmanical pantheon, has also been given such attributes as the rosary and the vase. She is also frequently described as being decked with the third eye, as we find in the present image. Sarasvati is also a fairly popular divinity in the Buddhist pantheon and it is possible that the goddess in the present image has also some Buddhistic connection. The reasonable probability is that the conception, as seen in the present image, is the result of a mutual interchange of ideas regarding a particular form of the goddess of wisdom among the followers of Buddhism and Brahmanism.

"The third image in this group shows a god and goddess seated side by side, each cross-legged the god to right and the goddess to left. The god has six hands, the main pair being in *dhyāna mudrā*. The lower right is in *varada* with an object as above shown on the palm and the top right bears a rosary. The lower left hand holds a lotus by the stalk and the top left a manuscript. The hair is tucked up in a matted knot with the

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effigy of a *Dhyāni Buddha*, who may be identified as Amitābha, shown in front. The goddess has two hands, the left in *varada* with an object as above on palm and the right the stalk of a flower over which is placed the manuscript. The god has the third eye on forehead, a feature which is absent in the figure of the goddess. From the effigy of the Dhyāni Buddha Amitābha on the matted locks the god may be identified as Avalokitesvara in one or other of his multiple forms. The goddess by his side may in that case, represent his Sakti, the great goddess Tārā. The Buddhistic association of the image is further suported by two small medallion attached to the inner side of the *asana*, purporting to bear the sacred formula. The third eye on the forehead of the god may also indicate some association of the god with Siva of the brahmanical pantheon and, to a certain extent, the god has some agreement with the Dakshināmurti of Siva as given in the *Tantrasāra*. The identity of the Brahmanical Siva and the Buddhist Lokesvara has been recognised in texts as early as the 9th century A.D. Some interchange of ideas and concepts, as recognised in the two previous images, might also have been a characteristic feature in the iconography of the present image.

"The sculptures shown this evening thus appear to be not only elegant specimens of art but also interesting documents from the standpoint of iconographic studies. My purpose in exhibiting these is to seek information, as a student, on the various problems which have been discussed above."

Dr. R. C. Majumdar, at the conclusion of the comments on the exhibits, made some important suggestions. "These ancient images", he said, "are in various ways remarkable, and hence accounts about them should be published, along with photographs, by a learned Society like ours, either at the end of the Journal or, better still, in the shape of Bulletins prepared by Mr. Saraswati. I assume that those sculptures are all private property and we are deeply thankful to Mr. Saraswati for having shown them to us at the earliest opportunity. I only wish that an account of these images may be made available to others".

Joining the discussion Dr. J. N. Banerjee said that stucco sculptures which had been found in large numbers from other parts of India were also in use in Bengal, but they had perished probably due to the humid climate of this part of the country. He also gave the composition of the stucco as a plastic material which was very much in use in ancient India.

The President thanked Mr. Saraswati for the interest that he had been able to evoke among the members present. "It is a pleasure", he said, "to find the Society reviving its old tradition of important communications and discussion of interest to scholars and research workers. I entirely agree with what Dr. Majumdar has suggested. As a matter of fact we are going to add a new feature to our Journal in which short notices would be appearing about our manuscript resources. Notes on these interesting sculptures

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and on such matter as may come up for discussion in our monthly meetings may be included in this new section of the Journal. Members of the Society, I hope, will take more interest in topics like these so as to give an authentic picture of the cultural and artistic traditions of the country".

Thereafter several members examined the exhibits on the table and there was a lively discussion among them.

On the report of the Scrutineers the President announced the result of the ballot for the election of Ordinary Members and declared that the following candidates had all been duly elected :

(65) *Mukerji, Bhaskar*, B.Sc. (Cal.), B.A. (Cantab), 8, Raja Santosh Road, Alipore, Calcutta.

Proposer : Rakhahari Chatterjee. *Seconder* : N. R. Roy.

(66) *Ali, M. Ashraf*, B.A., Asst. Personnel Officer, E. B. Railway, Pahartali, P.O. Chittagong, E. Pakistan.

Proposer : R. Chatterjee. *Seconder* : P. Chakravarty.

(67) *Biswas, Samarendranath*, M.A., Prof. of Sanskrit, P. C. Roy College, Bagerhat, Khulna. 17, Jaliatola St., Calcutta-6.

Proposer : S. K. Saraswati. *Seconder* : K. Chatterjee.

(68) *Roy, Gautamsankar*, Asst. Lecturer, Calcutta University, 45, European Asylum Lane, Calcutta-16.

Proposer : Tarak Ch. Das. *Seconder* : Nirmal k. Bose.

(69) *Dam, Rukminikanta*, M.A., B.T., Headmaster, Kalihati R.S.H.E. School, P.O. Kalihati, Dist. Mymensingh.

Proposer : Rakhahari Chatterjee. *Seconder* : S. K. Saraswati.

(70) *Chattopadhyaya, Basanta Kumar*, M.A., Retired Accountant-General. 3, Sambhunath Pandit Street, Calcutta.

Proposer : Rakhahari Chatterjee. *Seconder* : Pulin Behari Chakravarty.

(71) *Srinivasan, K. S.*, Curator, Industrial Section, Indian Museum, 1, Sudder Street, Calcutta.

Proposer : K. Biswas. *Seconder* : Rakhahari Chatterjee.

(72) *Jhunjhunwala, Biswanath*, B.Com., B.L., Advocate, Legal Practitioner, 66, Pathuriaghata St., Calcutta.

Proposer : Rakhahari Chatterjee. *Seconder* : Mahdi Husain.

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Monday, the 7th November, 1949, 5-15 p.m.

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R. P. MOOKERJEE, M.A., B.L., President, in the Chair.

Members :

Banerjea, J. N.
Chakravarti, P.
Chatterjee, R.
Chatterji, S. K.
Das, Sures Ch.
Majumdar, G. P.
Majumdar, R. C.
Mitra, S. K.
Mitra, Tripureswar.
Mookerjee, B. C.
Mookerjee, R. P.
Ray, Nihar-ranjan.
Saraf, C. M.
Saraswati, S. K
Sarkar, Kshitish Ch.
Sen, D. N.
Sen, J. M.
Sen Gupta, S.
Siddiqi, M. Z.
Vedantatirtha, N.

Visitors :

Bose, A. K., Chatterjee, P. C., Chatterji, S. N., Lahiri, J. M., Mitra, D. N., Mukherjee, D. K.

The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to read the Minutes of the last meeting held on the 5th September, 1949. The minutes were then read out and confirmed.

The General Secretary announced receipt of the books presented to and purchased by the Society during August and September, 1949, as shown in the Appendix of the printed notice. They were placed on the table for members' inspection.

The Chairman called for a ballot for the election of 10 candidates for membership of the Society and asked the General Secretary to read out the names as printed in the notice. He then appointed Messrs. S. K. Saraswati and Pulin Behari Chakravarti scrutineers for the purpose and the ballot papers were distributed to the members.

The Chairman enquired if any member wished to give notice of any motion under Rule 57

There was no such motion.

The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to announce the reports and communications from the Council under Rule 57(g).

The General Secretary reported as follows :—

(1) Monthly routine matters :

(a) Death—(10) Sen, Tara Kumar,...(Ord. Member 6-8-45).

(b) Resignations—Nil.

(c) Withdrawal of application—Nil.

(d) Notice of intended Motion—Nil.

(e) Reports and communications from the Council under Rule 57(g)—Nil.

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In accordance with Rule 48(d) the Chairman announced the appointments of the following Research Fellows with effect from 1-10-49, and said that all of them had joined :

(a) *Sri Bhavatosh Bhattacharya*, M.A., to *Sir Willian Jones* Fellowship for Sanskritic Studies.

(b) *Sri Biswanath Bandopadhyaya*, M.A., to *Raja Rajendra Lala Mitra* Fellowship for Buddhistic Studies.

(c) *Janab S. M. Imamuddin*, M.A., to *Mr. R. G. Casey* Fellowship for Islamic Studies.

The Chairman said that as Professor Nilmadhav Sen was not present at the meeting his paper on 'Un-Pāṇinian Sandhis in the Rāmāyaṇa' might be taken as read.

The Chairman then requested Dr. J. N. Banerjea to show the exhibits and make comments on the same.

Dr. J. N. Banerjea said : "Mr. President and Gentlemen : We all know that the great majority of the coins in the Indian Museum was derived from the Asiatic Society of Bengal. The Indian Museum which was built in the sixties of the last century first got most of its collections of archæological and other matters from our Society. With this nucleus it began to collect on its own behalf. In the first decade of the present century, scholars were entrusted with the task of preparing scientific catalogues of the huge number of coins amassed so far. The first 3 volumes are concerned with coins most of which were the gifts of the Asiatic Society Dr. V. A. Smith prepared the first volume, while Dr. H. Nelson Wright the 2nd. and the 3rd. The first volume was published in 1906 and the 2nd and 3rd in 1907 and 1908.

"Now since the sending of these coins to the Indian Museum the Society received further lots from its members, and these were kept in the Society's chests. The 22 coins which are exhibited here were included in the original lot. Of these 20 are gold and 2 silver coins. Dr. Smith, to whom they were sent along with others for being catalogued, was doubtful about their genuineness, and Drs. Rapson and Oman, whose opinions were sought, also agreed with him

"These gold and silver coins", said Dr. Banerjea, "appear from their types and legends to have been used by such Kushāna Emperors like Kaṇishka, Huvishka and Vāsudeva, and a few were of the Kushano-Sassanian and Kidara Kushana types. All these 22 coins, with Smith's and Rapson's notes on their container-envelopes, and one letter from the latter to the former are being exhibited. These coins were returned to the Society by Smith after he had duly entered into the Catalogue many genuine and beautiful specimens of Kushana coins presented by the Society to the Indian Museum.

"Now I shall take up the case of the silver coins first. This is a coin purporting to have been issued by Huvishka. Kushāna silver pieces are extremely rare, and several

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such known up till now can be attributed to the predecessors of the Kanishka group of Kings. A few silver coins of the Kadphises group of Kushana Kings were discovered in course of excavations at Taxila. But the two silver coins exhibited to-day bear Huvishka's devices and legends, and their very style and execution show that they are false."

The members present took great interest in the coins which were keenly examined and passed round among them. While this was going on Dr. Banerjea continued giving descriptions of the types and legends relating to each of the gold coins in this group.

"As regards the spurious coins", said Dr. Banerjea, "Mr. Smith remarked, 'certain very clever forgeries of rare gold coins have been excluded from the Catalogue after prolonged and careful examination in which Professors Rapson and Oman kindly assisted. Nearly all these forgeries belongs to the Asiatic Society of Bengal, but no record of their history is traceable'. (*Catalogue of Coins in the Indian Museum*, Vol. I, p. 65). He tentatively ascribed them to one Chanda Mall of Rawalpindi, a very clever forger, who sometimes could take in even such expert numismatists as Sir Alexander Cunningham and Mr. Wollaston Franks."

"Most of these spurious coins", continued Dr. Banerjea, "passed through the North-West Frontier Province. Their gold value is something in the present high price of the metal, but the numismatic value is practically nil. The coin-dealers in the North-West of India knew which types of coins were rare, and they made copies of such genuine coins in their collection and tried to pass them off as true and original pieces. Eventually, they found their way in the collection of the Society by presentations from members. Forgers wanted to have full value for their pains because they had to buy gold, and therefore selected those specimens which were comparatively rare and little known.

"A numismatist's trained eye can see, here and there on most of these coins, small signs which make them suspect. The lettering and device on them and there general style and febric, when compared with the indentical things, known as genuine specimen of Kushana gold coins, give their case away. The two silver coins in this lot are palpable forgeries. One or two gold coins in this condemned lot, may, however, be genuine."

After Dr. Banerjea had finished his speech, the Chairman, Dr. Nihar-ranjan Ray and Dr. R. C. Majumdar joined in a very interesting discussion.

In conclusion, the Chairman said that one of our Research Scholars is at it for the last few moths and all coins in the Society's Cabinet are now being listed. It may be interesting for you to know that though some are forgeries, there are many which are genuine. The Council have decided to make new collections by exchange with other collectors. There may be other Museums

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and other collectors in and outside India who have not the particular pieces, of which we have many specimens, and are willing to give in exchange those which we have not got. The Council have also decided to prepare a small Catalogue and issue it among the collectors and the museums and re-start the work which began in the middle of the last century. He then thanked Dr. J. N. Banerjea and Drs. R. C. Majumdar and N. R. Ray for their interesting observations.

On the report of the scrutineers the President announced the result of the ballot for the election of Ordinary Members and declared that all the candidates as shown below had been duly elected :

(73) *Patodia, Deoki Nandan*, B.Com., Businessman, 49, Vivekananda Road, Calcutta.

Proposer : R. Chatterji *Seconder* : S. K. Saraswati.

(74) *Sen, Dhirendra Nath*, M.A., Asst., Office of the Deputy Commissioner of Police. Security Control, 3/1, Pretoria Street, Calcutta,

Proposer : Rakhahari Chatterji. *Seconder* : Pulinbehari Chakravarty.

(75) *Palit, Santi Ranjan*, D.Sc., Professor of Physical Chemistry, 210, Bowbazar Street, Calcutta.

Proposer : M. N. Saha. *Seconder* : K. N. Bagchi.

(76) *Tripathi, Amales*, M.A., Professor of History, Central Calcutta College, (W.B.E.S.), 83/8, Russa Road, South, Calcutta.

Proposer : Jitendra Nath Banerjea. *Seconder* : Sukumar Ray.

(77) *Mitra, Rajyeswar*, B.A., Assistant, Office of G.D.O.F., 6, Esplanade East, Calcutta. 68/B, Durga Ch. Doctor Road, Calcutta-14.

Proposer : Tripureswar Mitra. *Seconder* : S. K. Sarawsati.

(78) *Mahanti, Prafulla Chandra*, B.A. (Patna University), Journalist, Special Correspondent, The Illustrated Weekly of India and the Times of India, C/o. Times of India, 10, Government Place, East, Calcutta.

Proposer : S, K. Saraswati. *Seconder* : R. Chatterjee.

(79) *Masumi Abu Mahfuzul Karim*, Lecturer in Arabic, Calcutta Madrassah, 21, Wellesley Square, Calcutta.

Proposer : S. K. Saraswati. *Seconder* : Pulinbehari Chakravarti.

(80) *Hoffmann, Juan Ernesto*, Professor, graduated distinction, Frankfurt-Main University (1921) & Hamburg University, San Jose Costarica, Americo Central Casa 451—Calle La Sur-Aven. 4-6.

Proposer : R. Chatterjee. *Seconder* : Pulinbehari Chakravarti.

(81) *Mirza, (Dr.) Mohammad Wahid*, M.A., (Punj), Ph.D. (London), Reader and Head of the Department of Arabic, Lucknow University, Lucknow,

Proposer : M. Z. Siddiqi. *Seconder* : Sukumar Ray.

(82) *Weiner, Mrs. H.*, Qualified Pharmacist, 4F, Jubilee Park, 4B, Little Russel Street, Calcutta.

Proposer : A. C. Ukil. *Seconder* : K. N. Bagchi.

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Monday, the 7th December, 1949, 5-15 p.m.

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R. P. MOOKERJEE,
President in the Chair.

Members :

Bagchi, K. N.
Banerjea, J. N.
Bhattacharyya, A. B.
Chatterjee, R.
Das, T. C.
Das Gupta, C. C.
Gupta, A. B.
Sen Gupta, S.
Hora, S. L.
Majumdar R. C.
Mitra, S. K.
Ray, Nihar-ranjan.
Sen, J. M.
Sen, Nirmal Kumar.
Ukil, A. C.
Vedantatirtha, N.

Visitors :

Ray, Sunil Chandra. Nandi, Sudhir Kumar.

The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting held on the 7th November, 1949. The minutes were then read out and confirmed.

The General Secretary announced receipt of a total of 17 books presented to and purchased by the Society during October, 1949. They were placed on the table for members' inspection.

The Chairman called for a ballot for the election of 10 candidates for membership to the Society and asked the General Secretary to read out names as printed in the notice. He then appointed Messrs. S.K. Saraswati and Pulin Behari Chakravarti scrutineers for the purpose and the ballot papers were distributed to the members.

The Chairman enquired if any member wished to give notice of any motion under Rule 57d.

There was no such motion.

The Chairman called upon the Generel Secretary to announce the reports and communications from the Council under Rule 57(g).

The General Secretary reported as follows :-

(1) Deaths — Nil.

(2) Resignations (4)

J.M. Mungavin, M.B., B.Ch., D.T.M.&H.(Eng.) (O.M.1-9-47)
P. K. Mukerji, B.Sc. ... (O.M. 2-12-46)
H. C. Waters, Esq. ... (O.M. 6- 5-46)
Mr. Justice Rupendra Coomar Mitra. (O.M. 5- 3-45)

(3) Withdrawal of application — Nil.

(4) Lapses of Election — Nil.

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(5) That Dr. S. K. Mitra and Dr. J. L. Bhaduri will represent the Society as an additional Vice-Presient and additional member respectively for the year 1950 on the Council of the National Institute of Sciences of India.

(6) That Dr. W. D. West is appointed as a member of the P. N. Bose Memorial Medal Advisory Board in place of Dr. M. S. Krishnan.

That Dr. Nihar-ranjan Ray to officiate as General Secretary *vice* Dr. K. N. Bagchi, resigned, with effect from 8-10-49; Dr. K. P. Biswas to act as the Library Secretary in place of Dr. Nihar-ranjan Ray, appointed to officiate as General Secretary, and Dr. J. N. Banerjea to act as Ordinary Member of the Council *vice* Dr. K P. Biswas appointed as Library Secretary.

The Chairman said: "I would like to place on record the acknowledgment of the Society of the signal service rendered by Dr. K. N. Bagchi during his successive terms of office as General Secretary of the Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal. As one of the members of Council he has served in this capacity for the longest period in recent times, but because he is now interested elsewhere, he cannot continue to be the Secretary of the Society. It would have been better if he had continued his first love and not gone elsewhere."

6. In accordance witt Rule 48(d) the Chairman announced the appointments of the following Office Staff with effect from the dates noted against each, and said that all of them had joined:

(a) Sri Manoj Kumar Ghose—File & Record Assistant for 2 months with effect from 21-11-49 on Rs. 200/- per mensem without D.A.

(b) Sri Bireswar Banerjee—Assistant, upto 31-3-50 with effect from 11-11-49 on a monthly salary of Rs.60/- with usual D.A

(c) Sri Amar Nath Bhattacharya—Typist, upto 31-12-49 with effect from 8-10-49 on a monthly salary of Rs. 60/- with usual D. A. and then on probation for 6 months with effect from 1-1-50 on the same salary with usual D.A. in the grade Rs. 60-5-125/-.

7. (1) The Chairman called upon Sri Sunil Chandra Ray to read his paper on "Some Novel Symbols on the Punch-marked coins in the Cabinet of the R.A.S B". He said:

1. "The Punch-marked coins in the Cabinet of the Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal seem to contain some symbols which have not been noticed in the standard catalogues bearing on the subject, the latest of which is Walsh's brilliant monograph published in the mem. A.S.I. No. 59. Hence these symbols may be taken to be quite novel in their types. The new designs include three new varieties of the so-called six-armed symbol, triple arrow standing on a straight line and a peculiar combination of small

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pellets, semi-circles, circle and taurines. As regards the significance of these new symbols, no definite assertion is possible. Some of these, however, may have had some religious and cult significance attached to them".

Both Dr. S. L. Hora and Dr. R. C. Majumdar showed keen interest in this subject and some interesting discussion followed.

(2) The Chairman requested Dr. R. C. Majumdar to read his paper on "The Confluence of the Gaṅgā and the Yamunā". He said :

"It has been tacitly accepted that Allāhābād has been the site of the confluence of the Gaṅgā and the Yamunā from time immemorial. In this paper it has been shown on the basis of Rāma's itinerary from Ayodhyā to Chitrakūta, as described in the Ramāyaṇa, and Hiuen Tsang's itinerary from Prayāga to Kauśāmbī that the confluence of the two rivers possibly shifted from time to time, occasionally over a considerable distance, both to the west as well as to the east. The shifting of river beds in the plains of India is not an unusual occurrence and the possibility of such a shifting of the Gaṅgā-Yamunā-Saṅgama would explain many of the alleged anomalies in the otherwise accurate topographical account of Rāmā s itinerary in the Rāmāyaṇa and Hiuen Tsang's account of his travels in India.

An appendix to the paper attempts to restore the correct text of the Rāmāyaṇa bearing on Rāma's journey from Ayodhyā to the river Gaṅgā".

When Dr. Majumdar had finished his very interesting speech a lively discussion followed in which the Chairman, Dr. S. L. Hora and Dr. C. C. Das-Gupta joined.

(3) The Chairman next requested Sri S. K. Saraswati to show his exhibits and make comments upon them :

1. A terracotta figūrine discovered at Tamluk (Midnapur District, West Bengal) and now at the Indian Institute, Oxford.

He said : "The terracotta figurine, of which the photograph is shown, was discovered in the eighties of the last century at Tamluk (ancient port of Tamralipta in the Midnapur district) as a result of the erosion of the river Rupnārāyaṇ which cut away a part of the ancient seaport city. It was exhibited in a monthly meeting of the Asiatic Society of Bengal in the year 1888 (March, 1888—Proceedings of the Asiatic Society of Bengal, 1888, pp. 113-14 & Pl. III) and was apparently presented along with ancient coins, discovered on the same occasion and made over to the Society. The figure appears to belong to the 2nd century B.C. Somehow the figure travelled out of India and remained forgotten until the late Prof. Johnston communicated the notice of a terracotta figurine, now in the Indian Institute, Oxford, in the Annual Bibliography of Indian Archaeology, 1937 and later on published a learned paper on it in the Journal of the Indian Society of Oriental Art. Vol. X. 1942 (pp. 94-102, Pl. IX). On a comparison of the

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illustration published in that Journal there can be no doubt that the terracotta figurine, now at Oxford is the same that was exhibited in the Asiatic Society of Bengal in 1889 and was presumably its property. Johnston, and following him others, have observed that probably this piece came from Kauśāmbī. It is definitely known to have belonged originally to Bengal, and all scholars agree that it represents the most valuable record of Indian terracotta art."

2. An illustrated MS. of the Devīmahātmya (Chandī) in the form of a miniature scroll and used as an amulet.

He said: "This miniature scroll, recently brought to my notice, was recovered from a gold amulet shaped like a cylinder, 2 inches in length and ½ inch in diameter. Orginally the scroll contained the whole of the *Devīmahātmya* of the *Mārkandeya Purāna*, but only portions of it have been preserved (chaps. IV to VII, part of VIII and chapters X to XIII). The chapters are separated from one another by illuminated panels representing the themes of the different chapters. The reciting of the 700 verses of the *Devimahatmya* is said to ward off all evils and to bring everything desirable within the easy reach of man. But the use of the text as an amulet is unknown, so far as available information goes.

The writing is in very clear and minute Nāgara script and fairly correct. The illuminations are in decadent Rājasthāni tradition and may be dated about the close of the 18th or the beginning of the 19th century A. D."

After Sri S. K. Saraswati had finished his comments upon the two exhibits, the Chairman said that we have got information about some of our lost treasures but we hope to get some more information from Dr. R. C. Majumdar.

On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman announced the result of the ballot for the election of Ordinary Members and declared that the following candidates have all been duly elected:

(83) *Nambisan, N. S.*, Vidvan, Sahithiabhoosanan and Sahithiakushalan, Senior Malayalam Pandit, Board High School, P.O. Payyanur, N. Malabar.

Proposer: R. Chatterjee. *Seconder*: Ram Deo Chokhany.

(84) *Sarbadhikari, Biswa Ranjan*, M.A. (Cal.), Landholder, 49, Dharamtala Street, Calcutta-13.

Proposer: S. K. Saraswati. *Seconder*: Nihar-ranjan Ray.

(85) *Jain, Sumant Prasada*, M.A. (English & Economics), LL.B., Deputy Director of Movements, Ministry of Food, Calcutta. Imperial House, P24, Mission Row Extension, Flat No. 30, Calcutta.

Proposer: N. Ray. *Seconder*: R. Chatterjee.

(86) *Shaida, Banarsi Dass*, M. A., B. T., Headmaster, Arya High School, Patiala, (East Punjab).

Proposer: R. Chatterjee. *Seconder*: Sushil Ch. Ghose

(87) *Gogoi, Padmeswar*, M. A., Lecturer in Economics and Assamese, Gauhati University, Gauhati. Rajhari, Uzanbazar, P. O. Gauhati, Assam.

Proposer: R. M. Nath. *Seconder*: Sunil Kumar Chatterji.

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(88) *Tandon, Krishn (Mrs.)*, M. A., L. T., Professor of Political Science, Sen Bal Vidyalaya, Kanpur.

Proposer : R. Chatterjee. *Seconder* : S. K. Saraswati.

(89) *Raychaudhuri, Golapchandra*, M.A. B.L., P.R.S., Ph.D., (Lond.), Lecturer, Calcutta University. 6, Mysore Road, Calcutta-26.

Proposer : S. K. Saraswati *Seconder* : Niharranjan Ray.

(90) *Ghosh, Manomohan*, M.A. (Cal.), Ph.D. (Cal.), Vice-Principal and the Senior Professor of Bengali, Charu Chandra College, Calcutta,

Proposer : R. Chatterjee. *Seconder* : J. B. Chaudhuri

(91) *Ganguly, Hemendranath*, M.A., Businessman, Writer & Congress Worker. "Dinatarini", Circular Road, Ranchi.

Proposer : R. Chatterjee. *Seconder* : J. B. Chaudhuri.

(92) *Niyogi, Roma*, (Srimati). M.A., Lecturer in History, Hooghly Women's College, Chinsurah, 2A, Keshab Sen Lane, Calcutta-9.

Proposer : N. Ray. *Seconder* : J. L. Bhaduri.

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Journal and Proceedings of the Asiatic Society of Bengal, New Series, I-XXX, 1905-1934.

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